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Lewistown.....		C. C. Baker.
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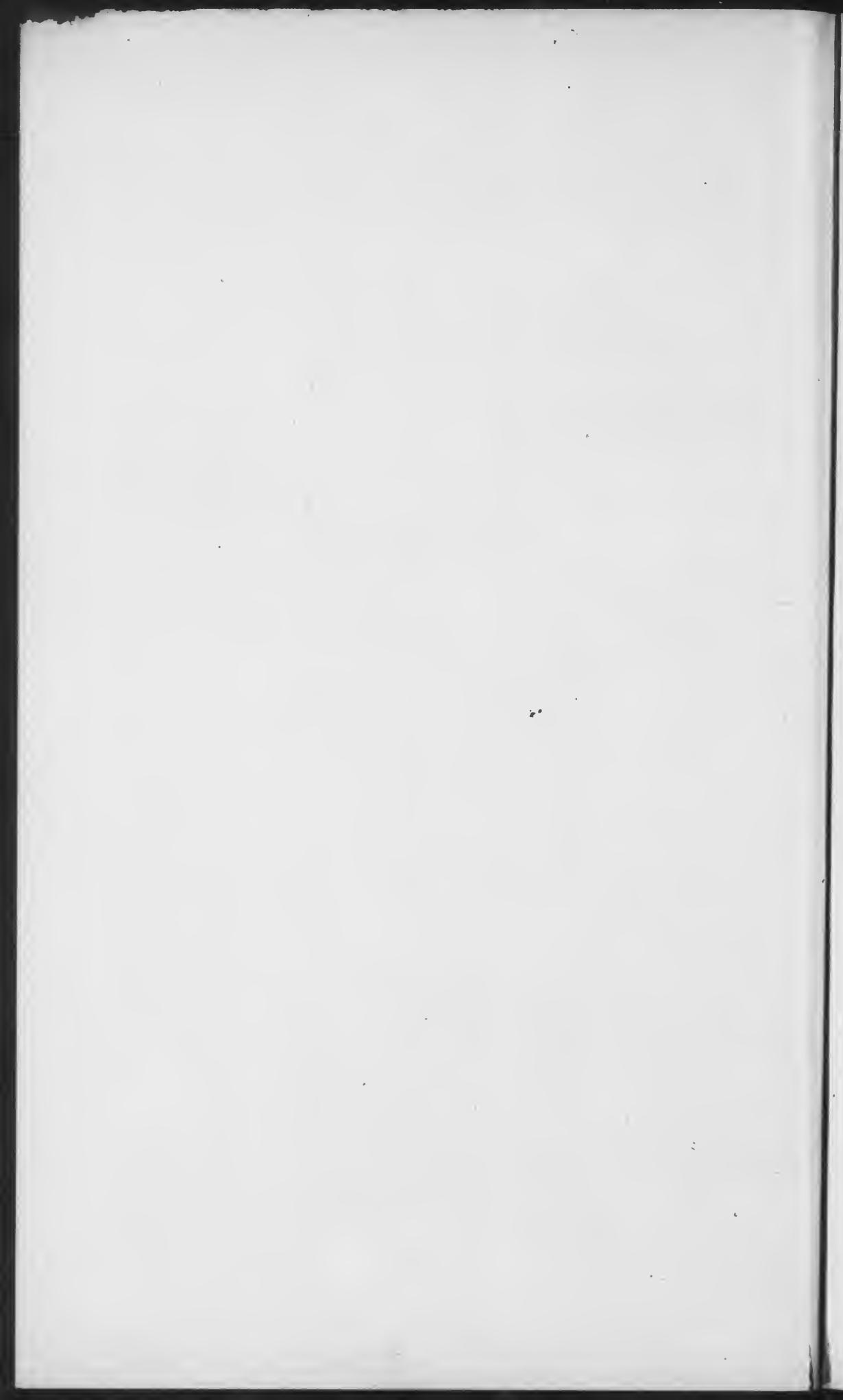
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S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

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DEAD ROLL.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim. iv. 7, 8.

1. CHARLES RIGBY. Born in Talbot county, Md., 1782; died in Kent county, Md., August 12, 1830. Appointments: 1829-30, Missionary for the Eastern Shore.
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3. WASHINGTON HAMILTON HAYS. Died April, 1831. Appointment: 1830, Anne Arundel (A.)
4. WILLIAM BAMBER. Died March 30, 1832. Appointment: 1831, Eastern Shore.
5. CHARLES WESLEY JACOBS. Born at Alexandria, Va., Oct. 28, 1812; died at Easton, Md., July 20, 1833. Appointments: 1829-30, Eastern Shore (A.); 1831, Deer Creek (A.); 1832, Pipe Creek (A.); 1833, Talbot.
6. JAMES HANSON. Died August 19, 1834. Appointments: 1829, Mt. Olivet (A.); 1830, Pipe Creek (A.); 1831, Reisterstown; 1832, Anne Arundel; 1833, Kent; 1834, no appointment at his request.
7. WILLIAM KESLEY. Died Sept. 23, 1841. Appointments: 1830, Deer Creek; 1831, Anne Arundel; 1832, Reisterstown; 1833, Tabernacle; 1834, Reisterstown; 1835, Mt. Olivet; 1836, Queen Anne's; 1837, Agent of Book Concern; 1838, Prince William; 1839-40, Kent; 1841, Buttonwood, Phila.
8. ISAAC WEBSTER CLIPPINGER. Died at Cumberland, Md., May 25, 1842. Appointment: 1842, Cumberland (A.)
9. SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH. Died Nov. 23, 1843. Appointments: 1834-35, Queen Anne's; 1836-8, Kent; 1839, Buttonwood, Phila.; 1840-1, Queen Anne's; 1842, Cecil; 1843, Pipe Creek (A.)
10. DANIEL DAVIES, M. D. Died Feb. 16, 1844. Appointments: 1833, Mt. Olive; 1834, Anne Arundel; 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836, no appointment at his request; 1837, Editor METHODIST PROTESTANT; 1838, Charleston, S. C.; 1839, Anne Arundel; 1840, with the President; 1841, First Church, Phila. (A.); 1842-3, superannuated.
11. WILLIAM W. MADDUX. Died July 9, 1844. Appointments: 1838, Caroline; 1839, Northampton; 1840, New Leeds; 1841, Cecil; 1842, Dorchester; 1843-4, Deer Creek.
12. WILLIAM W. BALL. Died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Oct. 5, 1844. Appointments: 1842, Alexandria; 1843-4, Harper's Ferry.
13. WILLIAM H. BORDLEY. Born at Centreville, Md.; died at Charleston, S. C., Oct. 9, 1846. A. B., Washington College, 1822. Appointments: 1843, Queen Anne's (A.); 1844, Kent; 1845, E. Baltimore.
14. SAMUEL D. NORWOOD. Born in Anne Arundel county, Md., March 1, 1820; died in Newcastle county, Del., Oct. 22, 1847. Appointments: 1844, Anne Arundel (A.); 1845, Smyrna; 1846, no appointment at his request; 1847, Deer Creek (A.)
15. ISAAC WEBSTER. Born in Harford county, Md., 1787; died in Westminster, Md., February 4, 1851. Appointments: 1829-30, Reisterstown; 1831, Deer Creek; 1832-3, Pipe Creek; 1834-5, Williamsport; 1836-8, President; 1839, Queen Anne's; 1840, St. John's; 1841-3, Kent; 1844, Brickmaker's; 1845, no appointment at his request; 1844-6, Baltimore; 1847-8, Howard 1849 50 superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1846.

16. LEVI ROGERS REESE. Born February 8, 1806; died at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 18, 1851. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore, Md. Appointments: 1832-3, Alexandria; 1834-5, St. John's; 1836-7, Washington; 1838, Conference Missionary; 1839, Alexandria; 1840-1, Georgetown, D. C.; 1842, Pipe Creek; 1843-4, President; 1845-6, West Baltimore; 1847-8, Ninth-Street; 1849, Cambridge; 1850-1, Bethlehem, Philadelphia. Secretary of Annual Conference 1833. Representative to General Conference 1846, 1850, and President. Chaplain to U. S. House of Representatives, 1836-7.

17. FREDERICK STIER. Born 1783; died at Fremont, O., October 15, 1851. Appointments: 1830-1, Pipe Creek; 1832, Georgetown, D. C.; 1833, East Baltimore; 1834, unstationed; 1839, Conference Missionary; 1840, Williamsport, Md.; 1841-2, Conferencee Missionary; 1843-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, Conferencee Missionary; 1847-50, no appointment at his request; 1851, Conference Missionary; Representative to General Conference, 1842. Corresponding Seeretary of the Board of Missions, 1850.

18. RICHARD ADKINSON. Born 1817; died at Easton, Md., March 9, 1851. Interred at Easton, Md. Appointments: 1841, Cecil (A.); 1842, Cumberland; 1843, Sussex; 1844, no appointment at his request; 1845, Alleghany; 1846-7, Jefferson; 1848-9, Sussex; 1850' Talbot; 1851, Caroline.

19. LEVIN A. COLLINS. Born 1814; died at Laurel, Del., June 17, 1853. Interred at Laurel, Del. Appointments: 1837, Deer Creek (A.); 1838, Kent (A.); 1839-40, Sussex; 1841-2, Snow Hill; 1843-4, Cambridge; 1845-6, no appointment at his request; 1847, Caroline; 1848, no appointment at his request; 1849, superannuated.

20. JOHN SMITH REESE, M. D. Washington University, Baltimore, Md. Born April 7, 1790; died near Baltimore, Md., February 14, 1855. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1829, Eastern Shore; 1830-1, Alexandria; 1832, Eastern Shore; 1833-5, President; 1836-7, Pipe Creek; 1838, Williamsport; 1839-40, President; 1841, Pipe Creek; 1842, Georgetown; 1843, Pipe Creek; 1844, Howard; 1845-6, Alexandria; 1847, no appointment at his request; 1848-9, East Baltimore; 1850-1, no appointment at his request; 1852-4, President. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1842, 1846, 1854.

21. FRANCIS GEORGE WRIGHT. Born at Uniontown, Md., July 15, 1823; died at Salisbury, Md., February 23, 1859. Interred at Uniontown, Md. Appointments: 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1850-1, Carlisle; 1852, unstationed; 1858, Union.

22. NEVELL STEELE GREENAWAY. Born in England, May 7, 1824; died at Alexandria, Va., May 2, 1861. Interred at Alexandria, Va. Appointments: 1852-3, Snow Hill; 1854, Williamsport (A.); 1855, Williamsport; 1856, Pipe Creek (A.); 1857, Philadelphia; 1858, Baltimore (A.); 1859, Alexandria; 1860, superannuated.

23. WILLIAM TURBERT WRIGHT. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., May 18, 1808; died at Lisbon, Md., May 8, 1862. Interred at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1845, Snow Hill; 1846-7, Sussex; 1848-9, Kent; 1850-1, East Baltimore; 1852-3, Charleston, S. C.; 1854-5, Caroline; 1856-7, Talbot; 1858-60, Frederiek; 1861-2, Howard.

24. WASHINGTON ROBY. Born in Montgomery county, Md., October 14, 1816; died at Washington, D. C., July 31, 1862. Appointments: 1839, Harper's Ferry; 1840, Williamsport (A.); 1841, Talbot; 1842, Harper's Ferry; 1843-4, Alexandria; 1845-7, Kent; 1848-9, Pipe Creek (A.); 1850-1, Deer Creek; 1852, Queen Anne's; 1853-5, Talbot; 1856-7, East Baltimore; 1858-9, President; 1860, Georgetown; 1862, Ninth-Street. Representative to General Conference, 1854, 1862.

25. THOROUGHGOOD C. EWELL. Born June 16, 1832; died at Federalsburg, Md., November 21, 1862. Appointments: 1856, New Market (A.); 1857, Trough Creek; 1858-9, Dorchester; 1860-1, Sussex; 1862, superannuated.

26. JOSIAH VARDEN. Born at Washington, D. C., July 25, 1806; died at Libertytown, Md., January 16, 1863. Interred at West Baltimore Cemetery. Appointments: 1831, Eastern Shore (A.); 1832, Mt. Olive; 1833, Williamsport (A.); 1834, Pipe Creek; 1835, Tabernacle; 1836, Georgetown; 1837, Alexandria; 1838, Westminster; 1839, Talbot; 1840-1, East Baltimore; 1842, St. John's; 1843 4, West Baltimore; 1845-6, Georgetown; 1847, West Baltimore; 1848-9, President; 1850-2, Sixth-Street, Cincinnati; 1853, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1846, 1850, 1854, 1858.

27. GEORGE D. HAMILTON. Born August 28, 1798; died at Baltimore, Md., April 5,

1864. Buried at Greenmount, Baltimore. Appointments: 1831, Shippensburg; 1832, Deer Creek (A.); 1833, Snow Hill; 1834-6, Dorchester; 1837-8, Queen Anne's; 1839, Pipe Creek (A.); 1840, Pipe Creek; 1841-2, Sussex; 1843, Snow Hill; 1844-5, Baltimore; 1846-7, New Market; 1848-50, Caroline; 1851-2, Cambridge; 1853, Williamsport; 1854-8, superannuated; 1859, Clearfield; 1860-2, Union, Pa.; 1863-4, superannuated.

28. REUBEN TYLER BOYD. Born at Rockville, Md., July 3, 1794; died at Clarksburg, Md., February 21, 1865. Appointments: 1833, Shippensburg; 1834, Prince William; 1835, New Market; 1836-7, Snow Hill; 1838, Dorchester; 1839, New Leeds; 1840, transferred; 1849, Trough Creek; 1850-1, Alleghany; 1852-3, Caroline; 1854, Anne Arundel; 1855, Dorchester; 1856, superannuated; 1857, Warwick; 1858, Accomac; 1859-64, superannuated.

29. THOMAS HART BENTON AUSTIN. Born at Baltimore, Md., 1842; died at Baltimore, June 26, 1865. Appointments: 1863, Union (A.); 1864, Kent (A.); 1865, Howard (A.).

30. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE. Born at Philadelphia, Md., July 1, 1828; died June 20, 1866. Interred at Stewartstown, Pa. Appointments: 1830, Baltimore (A.); 1831, New Market (A.); 1832, Union (A.); 1833-4, Trough Creek; 1835-7, Alleghany; 1838-60, Cecil; 1861, Baltimore; 1862-3, West Baltimore Circuit; 1864-6, New Market.

31. ELI HENKLE. Born in Pendleton county, Va., April 15, 1787; died in Baltimore county, Md., August 24, 1867. Appointments: 1829, Deer Creek; 1830-2, President; 1833, St. John's; 1834, superannuated; 1835, supernumerary; 1836-7, Anne Arundel; 1838-9, Pipe Creek; 1840, Baltimore; 1841-2, supernumerary; 1843, Westminster; 1844, Conference Missionary; 1845-7, President; 1848-50, Baltimore; 1851-67, superannuated. Representative to General Conference, 1830, 1834, 1846.

32. FRANCIS WATERS. A. B. Pennsylvania University; D. D. Washington College, 1822. Born in Somerset county, Md., Jan. 16, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., April 23, 1868. Appointments: 1833, Franklin; 1839, supernumerary; 1840, unstationed; 1841-6, supernumerary; 1847, Central Baltimore; 1848-50, Franklin; 1851-67, super numerary Author of the name: "Methodist Protestant Church." Representative to General Conference 1830; President 1842, 1846, 1862, 1866.

33. THOMAS H. BURGESS. Born February 12, 1828; died July 11, 1868. Appointments: 1861, Harmony; 1862, no appointment at his request; 1863, unstationed; 1867, Millisborough; 1868, Snow Hill.

34. THOMAS MAHLON WILSON. Born at Hagerstown, Md., March 1, 1814; died at Libertytown, Md., February 1, 1870. Interred at Central Chapel, Frederick county, Md. Appointments: 1842, Trough Creek (A.); 1843, supernumerary; 1844-5, Concord; 1846-8, Queen Anne's; 1849-50, Alexandria; 1851-2, Union; 1853-4, Pipe Creek; 1855-7, Frederick; 1858-69, superannuated.

35. LUTHER J. COX. Born in Queen Anne's county, Md., December 27, 1791; died July 26, 1870. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference, 1838, 1866.

36. CHRISTIAN EVERSOLE. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., May 6, 1820; died at Baltimore, Md., December 12, 1870. Interred at Little Georgetown, W. Va. Appointments: 1832, Alleghany (A.); 1833, Baltimore (A.); 1834, Deer Creek (A.); 1835, Kent (A.); 1836, Frederick (A.); 1837, Newtown (A.); 1838-9, Cambridge; 1860-2, Concord; 1863-4, Bedford; 1865, Williamsport; 1866-70, superannuated.

37. DANIEL BOWERS. Born in Frederick county, Md., March 16, 1832; died at Baltimore, Md., March 19, 1871. Interred at Chestertown, Md. Appointments: 1834, Kent (A.); 1835, Queen Anne's (A.); 1836-7, Cumberland; 1838, Talbot (A.); 1839-60, Philadelphia; 1861-3, Newtown; 1864-5, Georgetown; 1866-9, East Baltimore; 1870, Chatsworth. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1863. Alternate attending General Conference, 1867. On Editorial Committee of *METHODIST PROTESTANT*, 1866-9.

38. JOHN MORGAN. Born in Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1811; died at Montgomery, Ala., June 17, 1871. Appointments: 1844, Williamsport (A.); 1845-6, Williamsport; 1847-8, Pipe Creek; 1849-50, Howard; 1851-2 Talbot; 1853-4, Union; 1855-6, Snow Hill; 1857 superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference, 1852-4.

39. HENRY HAYGHE. Born at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1844; died at Kennedy-

ville, Md., December 17, 1871. Appointments: 1869, Howard (A.); 1870, Baltimore (A.) 1871, Kennedyville.

40. JOHN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., July 14, 1814; died at Baltimore, Md., July 9, 1874. 1838, Cumberland; 1839, Baltimore; 1840-1, Anne Arundel (A.); 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-5, New Market; 1846, Carlisle; 1847-9, Deer Creek; 1850-1, Williamsport; 1852-3, Anne Arundel; 1854-6, Cecil; 1857-9, New Market; 1860, West Baltimore Circuit; 1861-2, Caroline; 1863-4, Cecil; 1865-6, Bedford; 1867-8, Cambridge; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870-4, superannuated. Author of "Uncle Toby" letters to *METHODIST PROTESTANT*.

41. JOHN ROBERTS. Born May 3, 1818; died at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20, 1875. Interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Howard county, Md. 1843, Cambridge (A.); 1844, Alleghany (A.); 1845, Accomac (A.); 1846, Snow Hill; 1847-8, Harper's Ferry; 1849-50, Howard (A.); 1851, Pipe Creek (A.); 1852-3, Bethlehem; 1854-5, Kent; 1856, Williamsport; 1857-8, Alexandria; 1859, South Baltimore; 1860-2, Queen Anne's; 1863-4, Talbot; 1865-7, Frederick; 1868-70, Howard; 1871-3, Belair; 1874-5, Liberty. Secretary of Annual Conference 1850. Representative to General Conference 1866, 1867, 1870.

42. AMON RICHARDS. Born Oct. 31, 1787; died July 12, 1876. 1870, elected to honorary membership.

43. ABRAHAM S. EVERSOLE, M. D. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 10, 1813; died at Seaford, Del., Feb. 3, 1877. 1839, Trough Creek; 1840, Caroline; 1841, Snow Hill (A.); 1842, Somerset; 1843, Lewes; 1844-5, Kent (A.); 1846, Prince William; 1847, transferred; 1851-2, Dorchester; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-7, Union; 1858, Alleghany; 1859-60, Baltimore; 1861, Frederick (A.); 1862-3, New Market; 1864, Sussex; 1865, Caroline; 1866-7, Worcester; 1868, Delaware; 1869-71, Cecil; 1872, Peach Bottom; 1873, Seaford (A.); 1874-6, superannuated.

44. DANIEL EVANS REESE. D. D. Western Maryland College, 1868. Born at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17, 1810; died at St. Michael's, Md., April 23, 1877. 1830, Deer Creek (A.); 1831, Mount Olive; 1832, Eastern Shore (A.); 1833, Prince William; 1834, Tabernacle; 1835-6, Deer Creek; 1837, Harper's Ferry; 1838, Anne Arundel; 1839-41, unstationed; 1842-3, East Baltimore; 1844, Georgetown; 1845-6, Deer Creek; 1847-8, Cambridge; 1849-50, Pipe Creek; 1851-2, Alexandria; 1853-4, Ninth-Street; 1855, Salem, Phila.; 1856-7, Charleston, S. C.; 1858-9, West Baltimore; 1860-1, Pipe Creek; 1862-3, Georgetown; 1864-5, Jefferson; 1866-7, Ninth-Street; 1868-70, Talbot; 1871-3, President; 1874, East Baltimore; 1875, superannuated. Secretary of Annual Conference 1835. Representative to General Conference, 1862. Secretary 1867, 1870.

45. SAMUEL GUEST VALIANT. Born in Talbot county, Md., Dec. 21, 1852; died there July 11, 1877. 1870-1, Kent (A.); 1872, no appointment at his request; 1873, Alexandria; 1874, no appointment at his request; 1875-6, Laurel; 1877, superannuated.

46. WILLIAM C. AMES, D. D. S. Born in Clearfield county, Pa., 1839; died at Burrsville, Md., March 10, 1878. Interred at Burrsville, Md. 1869, Jefferson (A.); 1870-1, Potomac; 1872-3, Concord; 1874-6, Whaleyville; 1877, Caroline.

47. JOHN EDGAR READ. Born at Lauraville, Md., August 25, 1846; died at Oxford, Md., July 28, 1878. 1865, Queen Anne's (A.); 1866, Belair (A.); 1867, Jefferson (A.); 1868, Talbot (A.); 1869-71, Lexington-St.; 1872, Talbot (A.); 1873-6, Talbot; 1877-8, Easton.

48. THOMAS M. BRYAN. Born in Cecil county, Md., Feb. 1, 1818; died at St. Michael's, Md., May 11, 1879. 1846, Smyrna; 1847, Potomac; 1848, Clearfield; 1849, no appointment at his request; 1850, Accomac; 1851-2, Newtown; 1853-4, Dorchester; 1855-6, superannuated; 1857-8, Sussex; 1859-60, no appointment at his request; 1861-3, superannuated; 1864-5, West Baltimore Circuit; 1866, superannuated.

49. WILLIAM CORRIE LIPSCOMB. Born in King William's county, Va., Sept. 13, 1792; died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 2, 1879. 1869, elected to honorary membership. Representative (lay) to General Conference 1830; and Secretary 1834, 1838, 1842, 1850, 1858; and President, 1867.

50. THOMAS ASBURY MOORE. Born in Sussex county, Del., Jan. 14, 1824; died at Seaford, Del., July 2, 1881. 1845, Newtown (A.); 1846, Cambridge (A.); 1847, Talbot (A.); 1848, Union (A.); 1849-53, unstationed; 1854, Sussex (A.); 1855-6, Sussex; 1857-8, supernumerary; 1859, Sussex; 1860, supernumerary.

51. DAVID NORWOOD GILBERT. Born in Harford county, Md., February 10, 1851 died at Kent Island, Md., August 15, 1881; interred at Wesley Chapel, Harford county, Md. 1873, Queen Anne's (A); 1874, Cecil (A.); 1875, Anne Arundel (A.); 1876, Pocomoke; 1877, Prince William; 1878-80, Quantico; 1881, Kent Island.

52. ISAAC TUNNELL ADKINS. Born February 1, 1809; died in Sussex county, Del., October 19, 1881. 1865, Millsborough; 1863, no appointment at his request; 1867, Tyaskin; 1863, Milton; 1869-70, Lower Sussex; 1871-2, Heathsville; 1873-5, Accomac; 1876, Chincoteague; 1877, Potomac; 1878-9, Chincoteague; 1880, superannuated.

53. THOMAS LEE. Born in England, June 17, 1821; died at Rainsburg, Pa., July 16, 1882. 1851, Accomac; 1852, Salem; 1853-4, Alleghany; 1855, no appointment at his request; 1856-7, Reading; 1858-9, Caroline; 1860-2, Bedford; 1863-5, superannuated; 1866-7, Susquehanna; 1868, superannuated.

54. PETER LIGHT WILSON. Born in Berkeley county, Va., October 20, 1822; died at Johnsville, Md., January 10, 1883. 1842, Pipe Creek (A.); 1843-4, Cumberland; 1845, Pipe Creek (A.); 1846, Frederick; 1847, West Baltimore (A.); 1848-9, Bethlehem; 1850-1, Cumberland; 1852-4, Frederick; 1855-6, Ninth-Street; 1857-9, Jefferson; 1860-1, Ninth-Street; 1862-4, Pipe Creek; 1865-8, Broadway; 1869-73, College Agent; 1874, supernumerary; 1875-6, College Agent; 1877, supernumerary. Representative to General Conference, 1866, 1867.

55. THOMAS MCCORMICK. Born in Loudon county, Va., January 5, 1792; died at Baltimore, Md., February 22, 1883. 1869, elected to honorary membership.

56. CHARLES THEODORE COCHEL. Born in Berks county, Pa., June 29, 1838; died at Deer Park, Md., July 25, 1884. 1859, Howard (A.); 1860, Newtown (A.); 1861, Harper's Ferry; 1862, Frederick City; 1863, Anne Arundel (A.); 1864, Salem, Philadelphia; 1865, Snow Hill; 1863, West Baltimore Circuit; 1867, Finksburg; 1868-70, Susquehanna; 1871, Union; 1872-3, Dorchester; 1874-7, Frederick; 1878-81, Cecil; 1882-3, Pipe Creek; 1884, First Church, Washington.

57. JAMES MARTIN ELDERDICE. Born in Frederick county, Md., Oct. 14, 1817; died at Barren Creek Springs, Md., Oct. 5, 1884. 1849, Baltimore (A.); 1841, Williamsport (A.); 1842, Talbot; 1843, no appointment at his request; 1844, Howard (A.); 1845-6, Cecil; 1847-8, Liberty; 1849-50, Concord; 1851-2, New Market; 1853-4, Williamsport (A.); 1854-6, Concord; 1857, Snow Hill; 1858-9, Trough Creek; 1860-2, Carlisle; 1863-4, Anne Arundel; 1865-8, Cecil; 1869-70, Sussex; 1871, Seaford; 1872-4, Lelpsic; 1875-8, Bedford; 1879, Williamsport; 1880-1, Caroline; 1882-3, Sussex; 1884, Union.

58. ARTHUR DANIEL MURRAY. Born at Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 19, 1856; died at Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1884. 1879, Eutaw; 1880, Frederick (A.); 1881-2, Broadway; 1883, no appointment at his request; 1884, Georgetown (A.)

59. HENRY EDWARD MISKIMON. Born in Harford county, Md., April 15, 1845; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 12, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. 1866, Newtown (A.); 1867, Talbot (A.); 1868-70, Kennedyville; 1871-4, Harper's Ferry; 1875-6, Ellicott City; 1877-8, Salisbury; 1879-80, Seaford; 1881-4, Heathsville.

60. JOSEPH ALEXANDER MCFADEN. Born in Augusta, Ga., January 11, 1825; died at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 5, 1885. Interred at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. Appointments: 1847, Queen Anne's (A.); 1848, Williamsport (A.); 1849, Kent (A.); 1850, Jefferson; 1851-2, Concord; 1853, Brickmaker's; 1854-5, Pipe Creek (A.); 1856-7, Cambridge; 1858, Baltimore; 1859, West Baltimore Circuit; 1860-1, New Market; 1862-4, Union; 1865, Washington-Street; 1866-73, superannuated; 1874, Seaford; 1875-85, superannuated.

61. ALFRED BAKER. Born June 4, 1813; died January 17, 1885. Appointments: 1841-3, Concord; 1844, Baltimore (A.); 1845-6, superannuated; 1847, Baltimore; 1848, superannuated; 1849, Patuxent; 1850-1, Frederick; 1852-6, superannuated; 1857, Frederick (A.); 1858, superannuated; 1864, Montgomery; 1865 no appointment at his request; 1866, Montgomery; 1867, no appointment at his request; 1868, Montgomery; 1869, no appointment at his request; 1870, supernumerary.

62. CHRISTOPHER BURNS MIDDLETON. A. B. Western Maryland College, 1876. Born at Washington, D. C., July 24, 1854; died at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16, 1886. Appointments: 1876, Abingdon, Va.; 1877, no appointment at his request; 1878, Kent (A.); 1879-80, Hampden; 1881-2, East Baltimore; 1883, Atlanta, Ga.; 1884-5, Alexandria.

63. WILLIAM THOMAS DUMM. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, January 19, 1817; died at Johnsville, Md., July 19, 1886; buried at Union Bridge, Carroll county, Md., July 22, 1886. 1843-4, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1845, Williamsport; 1846, Potomac; 1847, Cumberland; 1848, Snow Hill; 1849, Queen Anne's; 1850, Kent, Assis't; 1851-2, Mount Zion; 1853-4, Deer Creek; 1855-6, New Market; 1857, Cecil; 1858-9, Carlisle; 1860-1, E. Washington; 1862-3, Salem, Philadelphia; 1864-5, Cumberland; 1866, Caroline; 1867, Salisbury; 1868-9, Finksburg; 1870-1, Frederick; 1872-4, Cecil; 1875-7, Howard; 1878, Stewartstown; 1879, superannuated.

64. DAVID ANTHONY SHERMER, M. D. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1824; died in Vienna, Md., December 4, 1886. 1844, Union, Assis't; 1845, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1846, Lewes; 1847-9, Dorchester; 1850, Cambridge, Assis't; 1851-3, Howard; 1854-5, Brickmaker's; 1856-57, S. Baltimore; 1858-9, Queen Anne's; 1860-1, E. Baltimore; 1862-3, Jefferson; 1864-5, Liberty; 1866-7, Georgetown; 1868-70, Belair; 1871-4, Washington-Street; 1875-6, Broadway; 1877-9, Anne Arundel; 1880-1, Milton; 1882-4, Cecil; 1885-6, Dorchester.

65. DANIEL FITCHETT EWELL, M. D. Born in Accomac county, Va., January 24, 1817; died March 17, 1888, at Clayton, Del. 1838, Shippensburg, Assis't; 1839-41, Dorchester; 1842, Church Creek; 1843, Brickmaker's, Phila.; 1844-5, Union; 1846-8, Newtown; 1849, Accomac; 1850, Dorchester; 1851, no appointment at his request; 1852-5, unstationed; 1857-8, Anne Arundel; 1859-61, Warwick; 1862-5, Delaware; 1866, Washington-Street; 1867-70, Warwick; 1871, Talbot; 1872-84, superannuate; 1885, Powellsburg; 1886 Talbot; 1887, Clayton.

66. WILLIAM FRANCIS LIVINGSTON. Born in Worcester county, Md., May 16, 1836; died November 29, 1888, at Westminster, Md. 1861, New Market, Assis't; 1862, Cecil, Assis't; 1863-71, no appointment; 1872-3, Williamsport; 1874-7, Concord; 1878-80, Deer Creek; 1881-2, Middleway; 1883-7, Potomac; 1888, superannuate.

67. CHARLES McFEELY THOMPSON. Born July 22d, 1843; died April 9, 1889. 1868, Whaleyville, Assis't; 1869, St. Michael's; 1870, Anne Arundel, Assis't; 1871, Norfolk; 1872-3, Seaford; 1874-5, Milton; 1876-8, Chesapeake; 1879-83, Susquehanna; 1884, Finksburg; 1885, Leipsic; 1886, Clayton; 1887-9, Harrington.

68. ROBERT THOMAS SMITH. Born in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 20th, 1850; died May 20, 1889, in Washington, D. C. 1874, Belair, Assis't; 1875, Norfolk; 1876, All Saints; 1877-8, Crumpton; 1879-80, Kent Island; 1881, Cumberland; 1882-3, Baltimore; 1884, Eutaw; 1885-7, Rowlandville; 1888-9, without appointment.

69. AUGUSTUS WEBSTER. D. D. Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., 1848. Born in Harford county, Md., December 8, 1808; died October 26, 1890, in Baltimore, Md. 1832, Reisterstown, Assis't; 1833, Reisterstown; 1834-5, Alexandria; 1836, Agent for B. Con.; 1837-8, Georgetown, D. C.; 1839-40, Washington, D. C.; 1841-2, President; 1843, St. John's; 1844-5, no appointment at his request; 1846, unstationed; 1866, returned to honorary membership by invitation; 1866-82, loaned to St. John's; 1883-90, Pastor Emeritus, St. John's.

70. SAMUEL TUCKER FERGUSON. Born in Washington, D. C., January 5, 1840; died November 11, 1890, at Liberty, Md. 1864, Union, Assis't; 1865, Carlisle, 1866, New Market, Assis't; 1867, Prince William; 1868, Howard, Assis't; 1869, Queen Anne's; 1870, Pocomoke; 1871, Harmony; 1872-3, Frederick; 1874-5, Union; 1876-8, Finksburg; 1881-2, Bedford; 1883-6, Concord; 1887-90, Liberty.

71. JAMES THOMPSON. Born in County Down, Ireland, September 9, 1819; died December 25, 1890, at Westminster, Md. 1853, Union, Assis't; 1854, Howard, Assis't; 1855, Baltimore, Assis't; 1856, Newtown, Assis't; 1859, Queen Anne's, Assis't; 1858, Deer Creek, Assis't; 1859, New Market, Assis't; 1860, Howard, Assis't; 1861, Union, Assis't; 1862, Cambridge; 1863-4, Carlisle; 1865-6, East Washington; 1867-9, Bedford; 1870, South Baltimore; 1871-2, Howard; 1873-4, Bedford; 1875-7, Cecil; 1878-9, Concord; 1880-90, superannuated.

72. ROBERT WILKINS BERRYMAN. Born in Surry county, Va., March 30th, 1816; died in same county, April 9th, 1891; transferred from Virginia Conference 1876; supernumerary 1876-1891.

73. JAMES HENRY ELLEGOOD. Born in Laurel, Del., January 15th, 1817; died near Seaford, Del., September 9th, 1892. 1850, Newtown, Assis't; 1851, Friendship; 1852, Prince

William ; 1853-4, Salem ; 1855-6, Carlisle ; 1857, Kent, Assis't ; 1858, Caroline, Assis't ; 1859, Berkley ; 1860-1, Cambridge ; 1862-3, New Market, Assis't ; 1864-6, Harmony ; 1867-9, Caroline ; 1870-1, Finksburg ; 1872-3, Milton ; 1874-6, Sussex ; 1877, Quantico ; 1878, superannuated.

74. THEODORE DENNY VALIANT. Born May 9th, 1820; died June 6th, 1894, Deal's Island, Md. 1846, Dorchester ; 1847, Pipe Creek, Assis't ; 1848-9, Williamsport ; 1850-1, Kent ; 1852-3, Cumberland ; 1854-5, W. Baltimore ; 1856-7, Salem, Philadelphia : 1858-60, Deer Creek ; 1861, Salem, Philadelphia ; 1862, Lexington ; 1863-8, supernumerary ; 1869-71, Centreville ; 1872-5, Georgetown ; 1876-7, Newark, N. J.; 1878, St. Michael's ; 1879-82, President ; 1883-5, Belair ; 1886-8, Pipe Creek ; 1889-91, superannuated.

75. EDWIN RUTHVEN MCGREGOR. Born June 3rd, 1817, in Western New York, near Lake Ontario ; died March 8th, 1895, Ballston, Va. 1872-3, Liberty ; 1874, Alexandria ; 1875, Lexington-St.; 1876, Hampden ; 1877, St. Michaels ; 1878, Surry ; 1879, Norfolk ; 1880-82, Surry ; 1883-4, Stewartstown ; 1885-7, Frederick ; 1888-9, Potomac ; 1890-91, Assistant Editor of the *METHODIST PROTESTANT* ; 1892-3, Potomac ; 1894, Mt. Nebo.

76. JOHN BYRD WHALEY. Born at Whaleyville, Wicomico county, Md., June 4th, 1867; died in Baltimore, Md., October 14th, 1894. 1891-3, Professor in Theological Seminary ; 1894, Professor in Western Maryland College.

77. JAMES KANE NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, Va., July 18th, 1817; died May 5th, 1895, at Johnsville, Md. 1826, Baltimore (A.); 1837, Dorchester (A.); 1838, Deer Creek (A.); 1839, Cumberland ; 1840, Kent (A.); 1841, Prince William : 1842-4, Caroline ; 1845-6, Pipe Creek (A.); 1847, Snow Hill ; 1848, no appointment at own request ; 1849, Williamsport (A.); 1850, loaned to Philadelphia ; 1851, Reading ; 1852-3, Cambridge ; 1854, Williamsport ; 1855, Harper's Ferry ; 1856-7, Bethlehem ; 1858-60, Newtown ; 1861, Frederick ; 1862-4, President ; 1865-7, Belair ; 1868-71, Jefferson ; 1872-4, Vice-President W. Md. College ; 1875-6, Alexandria ; 1877-8, Liberty ; 1879, Libertytown ; 1880, without appointment at own request ; 1881-1895, superannuated.

78. DANIEL WEBSTER BATES. Born in Medford, Burlington county, New Jersey, June 10th, 1815; died at Edesville, Md., Nov. 9th, 1895. 1842, Wesley Chapel ; 1843, Cecil ; 1844, Snow Hill ; 1845-6, Cambridge ; 1847, Williamsport (A.); 1848-50, New Market ; 1851-2, Baltimore ; 1853-4, Salem, Phila.; 1855-7, Howard ; 1858-9, Kent ; 1860, Caroline ; 1861-2, Anne Arundel : 1863-4, Washington-Street ; 1865, Alexandria ; 1866-8, Liberty ; 1869-71, Baltimore : 1872-3, Stewartstown ; 1874-6, Warwick ; 1877-9, President ; 1880-2, Chesapeake ; 1883-1895, superannuated.

79. JOHN WILLIAM CHARLTON. Born in Frederick county, Md., Jan. 27th, 1832 ; died at Lee Mont, Accomac county, Va., Feb. 24th, 1896. 1859, Frederick (A.); 1860, Snow Hill ; 1861, Queen Anne's (A.); 1862-3, Cumberland ; 1864, Broadway ; 1865-6, Salem, Phila.; 1867-8, E. Washington ; 1869-70, Anne Arundel ; 1871-3, Laurel ; 1874-6, Pipe Creek ; 1877, College Agent ; 1878, South Baltimore ; 1879-80, Finksburg ; 1881-3, Fawn Grove : 1884, Talbot : 1885-6, Seaford : 1887-9, Pipe Creek : 1893-4, Kemptown : 1895, Accomac.

80. THOMAS E. COULBOURN. Born Sept. 1st, 1853, in Somerset county, Md. Died in Pittston, Pa., March 11th, 1896. 1880, Dorchester (A.); 1881-2, Georgetown (A.); 1883-4, Broadway : 1885-1891, Lynchburg : 1892-6, Foreign Missionary Secretary.

81. RILEY SETH WILLIAMSON. Born 1863, Baltimore county, Md.; died May 9, 1896, at Centreville, Cumberland Valley, Bedford county, Pa. 1887, Preston ; 1888-9, Grove ; 1890-1, Franklin City ; 1892-4, Milton ; 1895-6, Bedford.

82. JOHN ROBERT NICHOLS. Born in Berkeley county, W. Va., June 4, 1815; died at Odenton, Anne Arundel county, Md., July 22, 1896. 1838, Snow Hill and Princess Anne (A.); 1839, Kent (A.); 1840, Accomac Mission ; 1841, Brickmakers' Station, Phila.; 1842, Snow Hill and Newtown (A.); 1843-4, Sussex ; 1845-8, Brickmakers' ; 1849, Reading ; 1850-2, Williamsport ; 1853-5, South Baltimore ; 1856-9, East Washington ; 1860-1, Kent ; 1862-3, Sussex ; 1864-5, East Baltimore ; 1866-8, Starr ; 1869-70, Broadway ; 1871, Pipe Creek ; 1872-4, Baltimore ; 1875, Hampden ; 1876, Liberty ; 1877, N. W. Mission, Baltimore ; 1878-9, Severn ; 1880, All Saints ; 1881, Hull-Street ; 1882, Pittsville ; 1883-4, Baltimore ; 1885, Marley ; 1886, Baltimore ; 1887-90, Anne Arundel ; 1891, Ellicott City and Nichols' Memorial ; 1892-95, Nichols' Memorial.

83. JAMES THOMAS WARD. 1844, Williamsport; 1841, Pipe Creek, Assis't; 1842-3, Williamsport, Assis't; 1844, Williamsport; 1845, Cumberland; 1846-7, no ap: ointment, own request; 1848, transferred; 1857-9, Pipe Creek; 1860-1, Alexandria; 1862-3, Liberty 1864-5, Ninth-Street; 1866, supernumerary; 1867-1886, President Western Maryland College; 1887-1897, President Westminster Theological Seminary.

84. RHESA SCOTT NORRIS. Born in Harford county, Md., August 7th, 1820; died December 7th, 1897, at Baltimore, Md. Interred at Loudon Park Cemetery. 1842, Cecil; 1843, Trough Creek; 1844, New Market; 1845, Trough Creek; 1846-8, Anne Arundel; 1849-50, Newtown; 1851-2, Philadelphia (Brickmakers'); 1853-4, Stewarts-town; 1855-7, Baltimore Circuit; 1858-60, Howard; 1861-2, Easton; 1863-4, Belair; 1865-7, Pipe Creek; 1868, Frederick; 1869-72, Starr Church; 1873-4, Chestertown; 1875-8, Washington-St. Church; 1879-82, Light-St. Church; 1883-7, Maryland Tract Society.

85. JAMES L. KILLGORE. Born at Stanton, Del., August 24, 1832. Died at Wilkes-barre, Pa., May 4, 1898. 1872-3, Alexandria; 1874-5, superannuated; 1876-8, Kent Island; 1879-82, Stewartstown; 1883-4, Jefferson; 1885-7, Hampden; 1888-91, Lisbon; 1892-98, superannuated.

86. JOHN WESLEY EVERIST. Born in Harford county, Md., October 22, 1810. Died at Royal Oak, Talbot county, Md., Aug. 22, 1898. 1833, A. Arundel, Assis't; 1834, Williamsport, Assis't; 1835, Pipe Creek, Assis't; 1836, Baltimore; 1837, Dorchester; 1837-9 E. Baltimore; 1840, Harper's Ferry; 1841-2, Ebenezer, Phila.: 1843-5, Queen Anne's; 1846-7, Talbot; 1848, 1st Church, Wash.; 1849, Georgetown; 1850, Cambridge; 1851, Harper's Ferry; 1852-3, E. Baltimore; 1854, Howard; 1855-7, PRESIDENT; 1858, Salem, Phila.; 1859-60, Anne Arundel; 1861, Talbot, Assis't; 1862, Alexandria; 1863, no appointment at own request; 1864-6, Talbot, Assis't; 1867, no appointment at own request; 1868-98, superannuated.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, April 5, 1899.

Seventy-first session of the Maryland Annual Conference opened in Crisfield, Md., at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, April 5, 1899.

Devotional services conducted by President A. D. Melvin.

J. T. Murray was called to the chair, and the President read his report. (Report A).

President's character was passed.

Roll was called.

The names of J. W. Everist and J. L. Killgore were transferred to the Dead Roll.

Dead Roll was called by J. W. Kirk.

S. B. Southerland moved that the Lord's Supper be administered immediately after the morning sermon. Carried.

S. B. Southerland moved that the Memorial Service be held Thursday at 11 A. M. Carried.

President announced Standing Committees.

On motion of G. Q. Bacchus, the third rafter of the church was fixed as the bar of the house.

J. D. Kinzer moved that all alternates present be recognized as representatives of their charges, if the delegates were not present.

Hours for daily sessions were fixed at 9 to 12 and 2 to 4.30 o'clock. The first half hour of morning session to be given to Devotional services.

Resolution offered by L. W. Bates postponed.

The Conference Sermon was preached by S. B. Tredway.

AFTERNOON.

Conference called to order by the President.

Resolution of L. W. Bates taken up.

J. D. Kinzer offered an amendment.

Amendment adopted.

The resolution as amended, adopted. (Res. 1).

G. M. Clayton was elected Postmaster.

N. O. Gibson was appointed to collect dues for Church Extension Society, and H. O. Keen to collect dues for Superannuated Fund Society.

G. H. Stocksdale was appointed to collect for sexton.

Order of day postponed 15 minutes.

The following officers were elected:

President, A. D. Melvin.

Secretary, Dorsey Blake.

Conference Steward, J. H. S. Ewell.

Church Extension Steward, E. S. Fooks.

Superannuated Fund Steward, W. H. Litsinger.

Foreign Missionary Steward, T. P. Revelle.

General Home Missionary Steward, G. M. Clayton.

Educational Steward, G. W. Hines.

The vote for Standing District Committee was taken, and tellers allowed to retire.

Secretary appointed C. P. Nowlin and J. H. S. Ewell his assistants.

L. W. Bates, W. M. Strayer, Wm. Dale, W. J. C. Dulany, W. G. Baker and W. B. Usilton were elected as the Standing District Committee.

A motion was made and carried for all brethren who had promised money to Miss A. L. Forrest to pay it to the Foreign Missionary Steward.

Secretary read his report, (Report B), which, with paper concerning President's parsonage, was referred to Board of Finance.

Papers from Dover, Trinity and Alexandria referred to Faculty. Paper from Baltimore City Book Directory was referred to Committee on Literature.

Papers from Washington W. F. M. S., and from E. H. Van Dyke referred to Committee on Foreign Missions.

Paper from Sabbath Association referred to Committee on Sabbath Observance.

The letter of E. J. Drinkhouse desiring Supernumerary relation was read, and the request was granted.

S. J. Smith offered a resolution to change rule 28 of Manual. Adopted. (Res. 2).

Motion to adjourn, carried.

D. W. Anstine pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, April 6, 1899.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. F. Bryan.

Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

Resolution of L. W. Bates, referred to Committee on Revision, appointed by General Conference. (Res. 3).

Papers from 2nd Church, Wilmington, Montgomery, St. John's (Canton), Wye, Reliance, Hurlocks, North Carolina Avenue, Christ Church, Heathsville, Cumberland, Millville, Mt. Nebo, Talbot, Frederica, Middleway, Fairfax, Quantico, Powellsville, Remington, Amelia, Hebron, Wilmington, Denton, North Baltimore, and Evangelistic Committee, referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Papers from Milton, Quantico, Starr, Grove, West Baltimore, Alnutt Memorial, Baxter, W. Va., Hedgeville, Centreville, Union Circuit and President of Board of Education, referred to Faculty of Instruction.

A letter from David Wilson, requesting to be left without an appointment for one year, was read, and request granted.

F. T. Tagg moved that W. R. Graham receive all monies for The Home for the Aged. Carried.

Invitations from Cumberland and Westminster, for the Conference to meet in their respective churches next year, were read.

Tellers reported vote for Committee on Appeals. F. T. Tagg and J. D. Kinzer were elected.

A motion was made that the Secretary cast the ballot for W. S. Hammond, John Mason, N. T. Meginniss and E. B. Fenby as the remaining members of the Committee on Appeals. Carried.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. W. F. Corkran, D. D., Rev. C. S. Baker, D. D. and Rev. C. T. Wyatt, of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Report of Baltimore Educational Endowment Society was read. (Report C).

President announced leaders for devotional services.

A resolution was offered for S. B. Tredway's sermon to be published in the minutes. Carried. (Res. 4).

W. R. Graham submitted a report of The Home for the Aged, which was referred to Committee on Benevolent Agencies.

F. T. Little moved that the names of C. H. Littleton and A. D. Dick be referred to Committee on Superannuates. Carried.

A. D. Dick delivered a verbal message from R. L. Lewis, who is seriously ill.

J. D. Kinzer was appointed a committee to send a suitable reply.

J. W. Balderston offered a resolution relating to recommendation in President's report. Adopted. (Res. 5).

J. W. Kirk offered a resolution concerning the publication of a booklet, "The M. P. Principles," by T. H. Lewis. (Res. 6). A special committee consisting of F. T. Tagg, F. T. Little and N. T. Meginniss was appointed to consider it.

Order of the day postponed ten minutes.

R. S. Rowe moved that the fixing of time of next session be done at the same time the invitations are considered. Carried.

President made a few remarks concerning appointments.

Committee on Obituaries reported.

President pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON.

Paper from Mrs. J. L. Killgore referred to Committee on Superannuates.

Committee on Pulpit Supply reported.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read, amended, and adopted.

Report of J. M. Holmes on Broadway debt referred to Board of Finance.

Special committee reported concerning publication of the booklet by T. H. Lewis. Adopted. (Report K).

W. J. Neepier moved that the Special Committee be the committee on publication of booklet. Carried.

President called L. W. Bates to the chair.

Report of Committee on Credentials was read and adopted.

Adjourned with benediction by J. M. Sheridan.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, April 7, 1899.

Conference convened at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. A. Melvin.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of committees called.

Letter from Maryland Tract Society, referred to Committee on Fraternal Relations.

A. W. Mather moved that the balance of money due J. W. Everest be paid to Miss Lottie Hammond. Carried.

On motion, the Conference gave way to meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society.

On motion, the Conference gave way to the Church Extension Society.

President called J. T. Lassell to the chair.

Invitations from Cumberland and Westminster considered.

Westminster was chosen by a vote of 105 to 72.

Resolution of R. S. Rowe, for the Conference to meet the first Wednesday in April, 1900, adopted. (Res. 7).

Rev. F. C. Chambers, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Home Missions, and Rev. M. L. Jennings, D. D., Editor of the *Methodist Recorder*, were introduced.

President called S. B. Southerland to the chair.

F. C. Chambers addressed the Conference.

J. D. Kinzer moved that T. J. Ogburn, J. C. Berrien and M. L. Jennings be heard at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Carried.

Papers from Lawsonia, Parksley, Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and St. Michael's were referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Adjourned with benediction by J. M. Yingling.

AFTERNOON.

President in the chair.

Report of Committee on Official Character was read and adopted. (Report D).

President called J. J. Murray to the chair.

M. L. Jennings, J. C. Berrien and T. J. Ogburn addressed the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read. (Report E).

J. T. Murray read a report of a special committee of last Conference "On Making a Rule Explanatory of Election of Delegates." Adopted. (Report F).

F. T. Tagg offered a resolution relating to the peace commission of the Czar of Russia. Adopted. (Res. 8).

Committee on Church Extension made a partial report. Adopted. (Report G).

A resolution was offered by T. H. Lewis, instructing the Board of Finance to increase General Home Mission assessment \$300.00. Adopted. (Res. 9).

Adjourned with benediction by F. T. Tagg.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, April 8, 1899.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by G. A. Morris.

Minutes read and approved.

G. L. Wolfe and T. F. Dukes were excused from further attendance.

Report of the President of Western Maryland College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolution of Baltimore Preachers' Meeting was referred to the Committee on Literature.

A telegram from J. Norman Wills, Fraternal Messenger from North Carolina Conference, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

President called J. T. Murray to the chair.

Report of the Committee on "Program for Seventieth Anniversary of Maryland Annual Conference" was read, and referred to Board of Finance. (Report H).

Report of Committee on President's Report was taken up, and considered item by item. The whole report was adopted. (Report I).

The delegates from Wye, Reliance and Powellville were excused from further attendance.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance was considered item

by item. The first item was amended. The report was adopted as amended. (Report J).

The time of afternoon session for this day was fixed at 1.30 o'clock instead of 2.

On motion, the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Church Extension Society.

Special Committee—T. H. Lewis, W. M. Poisal, Daniel Baker, J. N. Warfield, J. R. Caton. See President's Report.

T. H. Lewis, representing the brethren requested by the President to look into the financial affairs of North Carolina Avenue Church, with a view of affording relief if possible, stated to the Conference that, in the opinion of those he represented, the church could be relieved. He was not able to state any definite plan to the Conference, as so short a time had been given them for the consideration of the matter. But he was authorized to suggest the appointment by the Conference of a committee with full power to act, and he asked the Conference to place \$1500 in the hands of said committee with the understanding that the money should be returned unless successful plans could be put into operation. This was adopted by the Conference, and by vote the same brethren were appointed the committee, and the President authorized to add one other. The Conference then proceeded to raise the required sum by voluntary assessments.

J. M. Sheridan moved that the assessment for Ministerial Education be the same as last year. Carried.

Adjourned with benediction by E. C. Makosky.

AFTERNOON.

J. T. Murray and W. S. Hammond were appointed a committee to meet committees from other denominations to consider the evil of Sabbath desecration.

Report of Board of Governors of Theological Seminary referred to Committee on Education.

George H. Stocksdale reported a collection of \$30.10 for sexton.

Resolution offered by J. H. S. Ewell relating to Duties of Board of Stewards, adopted. (Res. 10).

Committee on Church Enterprise reported that no business had been brought to the attention of the committee.

President called F. T. Little to the chair.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was taken up and considered item by item.

F. T. Tagg offered an amendment to item 4.

F. T. Little called F. T. Tagg to the chair, while he briefly addressed the Conference.

The whole report was adopted. (Report E).

C. H. Littleton suggested a slight change in Dead Roll concerning J. H. Ellegood.

The report of Committee on Literature was taken up and considered item by item.

Item one was amended.

Items 8 and 9 were referred to a Special Committee.

The remaining items were adopted. (Report L).

T. H. Lewis, F. T. Little, S. B. Tredway, Daniel Baker and James W. Chapman were appointed the Special Committee to consider items 8 and 9 of report of Committee on Literature.

Faculty of Instruction made a partial report, which was considered item by item and adopted. (Report M).

S. B. Tredway moved that ordination services be held Sunday morning in this church immediately after the sermon. Carried.

W. S. Hammond was called to the chair.

Report of Maryland Branch of Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, with instructions that their report be published in the minutes. (Report M).

Time extended ten minutes.

F. T. Little moved that we abandon the Church Extension Anniversary for this session. Carried.

Adjourned with benediction by J. D. Kinzer.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, April 10, 1899.

Conference assembled at 9 A. M.

Devotional services led by F. A. Holland.

Delegates from Alexandria, Pipe Creek, Cumberland, South Baltimore and Mt. Tabor were excused from further attendance.

L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray and B. F. Benson excused from attendance after 12 noon, to-morrow.

J. R. Caton was appointed as the fifth member on Special Committee concerning North Carolina Avenue Church.

President called J. T. Murray to the chair.

J. M. Sheridan moved that the assessment for Incidental Expenses of Conference be \$400.00. Carried.

J. D. Kinzer moved that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference whose time expires this year, be re-elected. Carried.

A partial report of Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (Report M).

Resolution concerning ordination sermon for next year with yesterday's sermon of H. L. Elderdice was offered, amended and adopted. (Res. 11).

T. H. Lewis read the report of the Special Committee to consider items 8 and 9 of report of Committee on Literature.

J. J. Murray moved to adopt the report. (Report K).

Considered item by item.

Item one adopted.

Item two under consideration, when F. T. Little moved to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn carried.

AFTERNOON.

President opened the session and called J. D. Kinzer to the chair.

Papers from Epworth, Potomac and Greenwood referred to Committee on Church Extension.

Paper from National W. C. T. U. referred to Committee on Temperance.

General Home Missionary Steward submitted a report. Adopted. (Report M).

Faculty of Instruction made an additional report. Considered item by item and adopted as a whole, after accepting J. J. Murray's suggestion. (Report L).

J. J. Murray offered a resolution that F. T. Tagg have free access to all pulpits in the work assigned him. Carried. (Res. 12).

Committee on Missions reported. Considered item by item. Items one and two amended. Whole report adopted as amended. (Report M).

Conference Steward submitted a report. Adopted. (Report O).

Committee on Christian Endeavor submitted a report.

After an amendment it was adopted as a whole. (Report P).

N. O. Gibson reported \$97.00 as a collection of annual dues for Church Extension Society.

Foreign Missionary Steward submitted a report. Adopted (Report Q).

Consideration of report of Special Committee on Items 8 and 9 of report of Committee on Literature, resumed.

Item two was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted. (Report K).

W. J. Neepier moved to dispense with Superannuated Anniversary services this evening. Carried.

W. M. Strayer moved that the Conference hold an evening session beginning at 7.30 o'clock. Carried.

Adjourned with benediction by S. B. Southerland.

EVENING.

President in the chair.

Committee on Temperance reported.

Adopted without discussion or dissent. (Report R).

President called J. D. Kinzer to the chair.

Delegate from Centreville was excused from further attendance.

The committee "To Devise Plan to Increase Salaries of Married Pastors to \$600, on Charges Paying Less," reported.

Considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 adopted.

Items 4 and 5 amended and adopted.

J. E. Nicholson moved to strike out item 8. Carried.

W. M. Strayer moved to strike out item 9. Carried.

J. B. Jones moved to strike out item 10. Carried.

The paper as amended was adopted.

T. O. Crouse moved to refer the report to the Board of Financs. Carried. (Report T).

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution concerning the polygamist in Congress.

J. W. Kirk offered an amendment. Amendment was accepted and resolution adopted. (Res. 13).

The report of the Committee on Literature was taken up. (Report K).

A motion was made that the report of the Special Committee be reconsidered. Carried.

J. T. Murray offered an amendment which was adopted.

F. T. Little moved to adopt the report as amended. Carried.

F. T. Little moved to adopt the report as a whole. Carried.
(Report K).

S. B. Southerland arose to a question of privilege.

Church Extension Steward reported. Adopted. (Report S).

F. C. Klein moved that the President address the candidates for admission on trial at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution referring to time limit of pastorate. Adopted. (Res. 14).

Report of Board of Finance read and adopted. (Report T).

Committee on President's parsonage reported. Adopted. (Report U).

Adjourned after singing "Home of the Soul," followed by benediction by J. E. Nicholson.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, April 11, 1899.

Conference convened at 9 A. M.

Devotional services led by C. E. Dryden.

Minutes read and approved.

President called W. S. Hammond to the chair.

F. T. Benson, J. T. Murray, E. S. Fooks and J. E. Maloy were excused from further attendance after morning session to-day.

Report of Committee on Statistics, adopted. (See Tables.)

The report of Board of Finance reconsidered.

Amended and adopted.

The whole report was adopted. (Report V).

Report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read.

Action suspended.

J. J. Murray made a statement in regard to his relation to the Conference.

W. S. Phillips moved that the order of the day be postponed. Carried.

Order of the day resumed.

President addressed the candidates for admission on trial.

W. R. Graham moved to postpone adjournment to 12.30. Carried. Consideration of report of Committee on Benevolent Agencies was resumed.

Report adopted. (Report W).

J. E. Nicholson moved that the afternoon session begin at 1.30 o'clock instead of 2. Carried.

J. S. Bowers moved that the President be requested to read his plan of appointments at 4 o'clock. Carried.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

G. A. Morris offered a resolution that there be preaching in this church to-night. Adopted.

Delegates from Dover and Mardela excused.

Report of Educational Steward read and adopted. (Report X).

Report of Committee on Education was read, and considered item by item, and adopted. (Report Y).

W. S. Hammond was called to the chair.

President recommended that J. G. Sullivan be left without an appointment, and that J. J. Murray be placed on the Superannuated List. Adopted. (Res. 15 and 16).

A recommendation of the President concerning G. D. Edmonston read and adopted. (Res. 17).

F. T. Little moved that \$400 be appropriated to J. J. Murray. Carried.

Committee on Fraternal Relations reported.

Considered item by item.

The paper as a whole adopted. (Report Z).

Special Committee to Draft a form of Pastor's Blank reported. Adopted. (Report AA).

Superannuated Fund Steward reported. Adopted. (Report BB).

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read, amended and adopted. (Report CC).

Committee on Church Extension reported. Adopted. (Report G).

Minutes read.

President read plan of appointments. (Report DD).

Adjourned with benediction.

REPORTS.

Report A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BRETHREN: After the labors of another year, with gratitude to God for His tender mercy and His loving providence over us, we meet again for conference. We meet to report work done and to prepare plans for the further extension of the kingdom of Christ. To all it has been a year of toil and trial. To us, as a Conference, it has been a year of progress. We were never stronger, more hopeful and determined than we are to-day. In the review of the year's work you will find, I am confident, much to inspire you with gratitude, courage and hope.

DEATHS.

At almost every session of Conference some name has to be added to the dead roll; somebody's name must be next. Since we know not whose it will be, every year's work and every report should be such as we would have our last.

"Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching." Sister McCullough, beloved wife of Rev. C. E. McCullough, died May 1, 1898; Dr. J. L. Killgore died May 4, 1898; ex-President, Rev. J. W. Everist, died August 22, 1898. These all died in the faith. Obituary committees were promptly appointed. Their reports will give a correct estimate of the character and work of these who have passed away during the year.

ORDINATIONS.

W. A. Melvin, G. A. Morris, N. O. Gibson, H. O. Keen and E. D. Stone were ordained to the office of elder at Starr Church, Baltimore, Md., April 13, 1898. In this service I was assisted by Dr. S. B. Southerland, Revs. F. T. Little, S. B. Tredway and J. S. Bowers.

J. H. McGrath was ordained at Friendship Church, on Pocomoke Circuit, June 19, 1898. In this service I was assisted by Revs. G. J. Smith and Dorsey Blake.

APPOINTMENTS.

At the adjournment of our last Conference six charges were left unsupplied, and two that had asked to be supplied with two pastors were only given one each. Soon after the rise of Conference Rev. E. P. Perry was appointed to Evergreen; Rev. G. Edwin Brown to Georgetown Circuit; Rev. David L. Johnson to Indian River; Rev. J. H. Robinson to Marley; Rev. W. S. Simms to Patapsco; Rev. W. M. Jett to Violetsville, Rev. E. H. Jones to Williams-

port, and Rev. W. J. Glenn to Jones' Memorial. Belair was left without an assistant pastor until November 1st, when Rev. Charles Compher was appointed. In the meantime Brother Tredway secured assistance by which the pulpit was kept supplied. I was not able to supply Heathsville with an assistant pastor, and the entire work on that charge has been done by Rev. C. S. Arnett. Bethel Church, Del., has not been supplied.

The York Road Mission was commended to North Baltimore Quarterly Conference for such recognition and assistance as they might be able to give it. Rev. S. J. Smith was appointed fraternal messenger to the New York Conference, and Rev. W. J. Neepier to the Pittsburg Conference.

REMOVALS.

On the 30th day of May, 1898, I received a letter from Rev. B. B. James, stating that he wished to withdraw from the Methodist Protestant Church. On the same day I sent him a letter of dismissal. The vacancy thus caused at Harper's Ferry was filled until September 1 by Brother Hammond Leas, a Seminary student. September 1, Rev. C. E. McCullough was released from Delta and appointed to Harper's Ferry. On the same day, Rev. H. E. Nelson was released from Lewistown and appointed to Delta. Lewistown was without a pastor until November 1, when Rev. H. L. Murphy was appointed. In the early part of November, Rev. W. R. McKnett was released from Mardela on account of poor health. Subsequently he severed his connections with this Conference. March 31, Rev. Q. L. Morrow was given a letter of transfer to New York Conference.

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MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS.

We have met with encouraging results in our efforts to build and improve churches and parsonages. The new churches at Seaford, Denton, Eldorado and Hebron have been completed. A new church has been built at Leemont, on Accomac charge, also one on Bethel charge. New churches are being built on Georgetown Circuit, Mariner's, Harper's Ferry, Finksburg and Greenwood charges. The new church at Cumberland is approaching completion. West Baltimore and Broadway churches have been handsomely improved. Lynchburg church has been improved to the extent of making it practically a new church. Many more churches and parsonages stand in evidence of this spirit of improvement. Brother J. A. Crane has given further evidence of his liberality and love for Christ and the Church in the gift of a fine parsonage to Newark Church, valued at no less than \$6,000.

A great deal of new furniture has been put in parsonages, adding very much to the comfort of our pastors and their families.

Our people at North Carolina Avenue have met with unexpected and very serious difficulties in the erection of their new church. Their condition is so embarrassing that they must have assistance in order to succeed. That all the facts might be presented to this Conference, I have appointed a special committee, consisting of Dr. T. H. Lewis, Rev. W. M. Poisal, Brothers Daniel Baker and J. N. Warfield, to investigate the whole situation and see if there is any way of giving them sufficient help. That committee has done its work, and is ready to report to this Conference.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The spiritual condition of the Church is encouraging. We have enjoyed the blessing of peace. There has been no serious trouble anywhere. While there have been fewer great revivals than usual, there has been in many places a steady increase in congregations, in membership and in earnest work for Christ; pastors have preached the Gospel faithfully and maintained the dignity of their office. I fear, however, there is a growing tendency to overestimate the necessity of a summer vacation for the pastor and underestimate the injury that may come to the Church thereby. If pastors on circuits must have rest during the year, I think it would be better for the Church if they would take it during the inclement weather of the winter. More attention is being given to bringing the children and young people into the Church by evangelistic services held in connection with the regular services. Some pastors have observed Decision Day with fine results. All might do so. The inclement weather during the fall and winter interfered very much with revival work in the rural districts. This may interfere somewhat with the finances, but our pastors have written encouragingly. If they have succeeded as well as they did last year, it will indicate greater zeal and devotion to duty.

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The Maryland Tract Society and the Maryland Bible Society deserve our continued hearty co-operation. The Maryland Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has continued its good work. Our churches have contributed generously toward its support. The Home for the Aged, at Westminster, has not been sustained as it must, in order to secure its permanency. Many churches contribute nothing. I suggest that the Committee on Benevolent Agencies look into this matter thoroughly. Mrs. T. A. Reese, the Pipe Creek, and Jefferson Benevolent Societies and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have continued their generous contributions to our ministers and churches, and should have the thanks of this Conference.

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OUR SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration of our seventieth anniversary, ordered by the Conference, was very generally and enthusiastically observed. Nothing that we have done for many years has done more to acquaint our people with the history and polity of our Church and to increase denominational loyalty and enthusiasm. I am sure we are better and more favorably known than ever before. The programme prepared by the committee was admirably adapted to the purpose. The article entitled "Reasons for Organizing and Perpetuating the Methodist Protestant Church" is so valuable that it ought to have a wider circulation. I think it would be advisable to appoint a special committee to consider the propriety and practicability of publishing it as a tract.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

That all our general interests may have due consideration, some changes in the order of Conference business are necessary. When the Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies were organized our Conference was engaged in no other general work. Now we have other general interests of equal importance. Place should be made for their due consideration. Our educational work, located within the bounds of our Conference, and depending largely upon this Conference for its support, should have more consideration. THE METHODIST PROTESTANT obtains the greater part of its subscribers within the bounds of our Conference, and must depend upon us mainly for support. The same is true of our Book Concern. Under the present arrangement their reports are not seriously enough considered. Sometimes their consideration is almost crowded out by the press of other business.

An evening should be given to literature and education. The anniversaries of our societies have served a good purpose, but I think the importance of these interests can be more broadly considered and more effectively promoted in some other way. The amount of money collected at these meetings is not large, and is contributed mainly by those not able to give it, and if they are, they would better give it to their home churches, that they may be inspired to greater liberality. A meeting in the interest of ministerial support would necessarily include the interests of our superannuates, and divest this cause of all semblance of charity. A man who consecrates his whole life to the church is entitled to support for his whole life.

At this meeting the whole question of ministerial support could be discussed from a scriptural standpoint. Ministerial support is a Scriptural, a vital, a burning question, and it must be met. Churches that will not support pastors cannot have them. The sooner all concerned are made to realize this fact the better it will be for all. An evening should be given to the consideration of this subject. I am glad that I am able to report that several charges have increased the pastor's salary.

Instead of the anniversary of our Church Extension Society, I suggest that we have a meeting in the interest of missions. At this meeting the interest of home and foreign missions and church extension all could be considered. These meetings would furnish a favorable opportunity for hearing the representatives of our general interests.

I think the communion service would be more impressive if held immediately after the Conference sermon. If the devotional Services held at the opening of Conference be considered the preliminary service and no recess taken, there will be plenty of time to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A change should be made in the time of holding memorial services. I have never been satisfied that we could pay proper respect to our departed brethren while this service is held late on Wednesday evening, when the Conference is not full and everybody is tired. As Wednesday is taken up with the organization of Conference, and none but Committees on Obituaries are likely to be ready to report on Thursday morning, I name 11 o'clock A. M. on Thursday as a suitable time for this service.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I recommend that the employment of a Conference Evangelist and the appointment of a Committee on Evangelistic Work be discontinued.
2. I recommend that we discontinue the observance of the anniversaries of our Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies, and that we discontinue during our Conference sessions all collections for these interests, except the collection of annual membership dues.
3. I recommend that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered immediately after the Conference sermon.
4. I recommend that in case of the death of any member of this Conference the order of the day for Thursday, at 11 o'clock, shall be the report of the Committee on Obituaries.
5. I recommend that a meeting in the interest of temperance be held on Tuesday evening, before the meeting of Conference.
6. I recommend that a meeting in the interest of literature and education be held on Thursday evening.
7. I recommend that a meeting in the interest of missions be held on Friday evening.
8. I recommend that a meeting in the interest of ministerial support be held on Monday evening.
9. I recommend that the President of the Conference, as soon after the rise of Conference as practicable, appoint a chairman for each of these meetings, who shall make all arrangements for and preside at them.

Respectfully and fraternally,

A. D. MELVIN, *President.*

Report B.**SECRETARY'S REPORT.****RECEIPTS.**

April 8, 1898, Balance from Ex-Secretary.....	\$ 9 36
" 11, " Conference Steward.....	300 17
Feb. 28, 1899, Advanced Ass't N. Balto. Mission.....	3 00
Mar. 21, " Forfeit from B. & O. Ex. Co.....	1 34
Sale of Minutes:.....	2 47
Total Receipts.....	\$316 34

EXPENDITURES.

April 6, 1898, Telegram to President U. S.....	\$ 1 00
" 8, " W. J. C. Dulany Co.....	7 25
" 11, " H. L. Elderdice, Secretary's salary for year ending April 6, 1898.....	50 00
" 11, " L. Randall, Cont. Steward's salary and expenses	16 50
" 11, " Edgar T. Reed, Ass't Conf. Steward's salary....	5 00
" 11, " J. S. Bowers, for stationery and printing for use of Faculty.....	5 67
" 18, " Bibles and Credentials.....	9 45
June 3, Printing and distributing Minutes.....	222 19
Expressage on Trunk, Minutes and Blanks.....	2 00
Postage.....	3 35
Stationery	1 73
 Total expenditures.....	 \$324 14
 Deficiency	 7 80

Report C.

REPORT OF THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BALTIMORE CITY, MD.

BALTIMORE, April 4th, 1899.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church :

This Society in accordance with its charter respectfully reports to your body, that since the waiver of the mortgage held by this Society against Western Maryland College, April 12th, 1899, to secure the payment of \$10,000, and the issuance of bonds by the College in the sum of \$25,000 to complete certain improvements in the realty of the College, that no change has taken place in the financial status of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. KINZER, *President.*E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.*

Report D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

To the Maryland Annual Conference M. P. Church :

Your Committee on Official Character would respectfully submit the following report :

We have carefully examined the personal reports of the ministerial members of the Conference, and understanding our duties to require the reporting of information we deem of special interest to the Conference, we give the answers

of the following charges in reference to furnishing Disciplines and the incorporation of Trustees :

Campbell—No answer as to Trustees.
Frederick—One Board of Trustees object.
Deer Park—Not incorporated.
Hurlock—One incorporated, others would not.
Kempton—No answer as to Trustees.
Holly Run—No answer as to Trustees.
Heathsvisle—No answer as to Disciplines ; Trustees not incorporated, neglect of the churches.
St. Luke's—No answer as to Trustees.
Mt. Nebo—Positively refused to incorporate.
Quantico—No answer as to Trustees.
Violetsville—Not incorporated.
Fairfax—Not incorporated—inconvenient.
Delmar—No answer as to Trustees or Disciplines.
Harrington—Trustees not incorporated.
Amelia—Not incorporated—could not.
Kent Island—No answer as to Trustees.
Greenwood—Not want Trustees incorporated.
Hampden—Stewards furnished no money for Disciplines.
Alexandria—No answer as to Trustees.
Union—Stewards unwilling to furnish Disciplines ; members not wish Trustees incorporated.
Chincoteague—Could not have Trustees incorporated.
Liberty—Pastor and Stewards did not do what they could.
Crumpton—No answer as to Trustees.
Waltersville—No answer as to Disciplines, and Trustees not incorporated.
Talbot—No answer as to Disciplines, and Trustees not incorporated.
Bedford—Trustees not incorporated.
Pittsville—Trustees not incorporated.
Williamsport—Trustees not incorporated.
Millville—No answer as to Trustees.
Payson-Street—No answer as to Disciplines.
Alnutt Memorial—No answer as to Disciplines.
Lewistown—Trustees not incorporated.
Seventy-two charges have failed to raise their assessments in full, but your committee is satisfied that the pastors have done what they could.

J. E. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

Report E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATES.

1st. We recommend that Rev. C. H. Littleton and A. D. Dick be placed on the list of Superannuated claimants.

2nd. We recommend that the sum of \$4000 be assessed on the District for distribution.

3rd. We recommend that the money due Mrs. C. Eversole, from the appropriation of last Conference and now in the hands of the Superannuated Fund Steward, be held by said Steward subject to the order of the President of the Conference. We further recommend that the appropriation to said claimant recommended in this report be subject to the same conditions.

4th. We recommend that the relation of Rev. J. G. Sullivan be changed from that of a superannuate to active.

5th. We recommend the following appropriations:

Rev. L. W. Bates.....	\$400	Mrs. C. Eversole.....	\$125
" W. A. Crouse.....	200	" S. T. Ferguson.....	250
" H. C. Cushing.....	300	" D. N. Gilbert.....	225
" H. J. Day.....	150	" J. L. Killgore.....	300
" A. D. Dick.....	300	" Thomas Lee.....	100
" W. G. Holmes.....	175	" W. F. Livingston.....	100
" R. L. Lewis.....	350	" J. A. McFaden.....	150
" C. H. Littleton.....	300	" E. R. McGreger.....	100
" W. J. D. Lucas.....	350	" C. B. Middleton.....	250
" Jesse Shreeve.....	400	" H. E. Miskimmon.....	125
" S. B. Southerland.....	550	" J. K. Nichols.....	100
" J. A. Weigand.....	350	" J. R. Nichols.....	300
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	100	" R. S. Norris.....	225
" T. M. Bryan.....	100	" J. E. Read.....	125
" J. W. Charlton.....	175	" John Roberts.....	225
" C. T. Cochell.....	100	" D. A. Shermer.....	100
" T. E. Coulbourne.....	400	" C. M. Thompson.....	200
" W. T. Dumm.....	250	" S. G. Valliant.....	150
" J. M. Elderdice.....	250	" P. L. Wilson.....	125
" J. H. Ellegood.....	125	" R. S. Williamson.....	250

6th. Mrs. D. Bowers relinquishes her claim on the fund for this year.

7th. The fund paid last year \$77.70 on each one hundred appropriated.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Treasurer's Report for the Year, April, 1898-1899.

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To Balance as per last report.....	\$ 128 77
Amount received from Rev. L. F. Warner, Steward.....	90 00
" " from Legacy from Henry Swope, Esq. (less tax)	975 00

	\$1,193 77

Cr.

By amount invested in purchase of Ground Rent as per voucher....	\$ 771 94
" Balance in hand to credit Investment Account.....	421 83

	\$1,193 77

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To amount Income from Investments collected.....	\$4 326 35
" " Conference Assessments received.....	181 75
" " received account subscriptions at last Conference.....	9 00
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	\$4,517 10

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By 1898 Taxes on Securities paid (Voucher No. 1).....	\$ 105 60
" Bank Charges on Check paid.....	97
" Annuity paid under Agreement (Voucher No. 2).....	50 00
" Rent Safe Deposit Box paid (Voucher No. 3).....	15 00
" 1899 Taxes on Securities paid (Voucher No. 4).....	102 37
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	\$ 273 94
" Check to Rev. Wm. H. Litsinger, Steward.....	1,853 19
" " ".....	50 00
" Check to Rev. Wm. H. Litsinger, Steward, herewith in full of balance in hand for distribution.....	2,339 97
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	4,243 16
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	\$4,517 10

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and find them correct as per above report.

We have also carefully examined the Securities of the Society and find them fully accounted for and properly deposited in the deposit box of the Society at the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore.

JOHN G. CLARKE,
E. J. DRINKHOUSE,
F. T. TAGG,

Auditing Committee,

MINUTES OF SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

The Superannuated Fund Society met Friday morning at 10 o'clock, in Crisfield church, Rev. W. J. Neepier in the chair. Report of the Treasurer was read by J. T. Murray and adopted. The following officers were elected: First Vice-President, Rev. W. J. Neepier. Second Vice-President, Rev. J. L. Straughn. Third Vice-President, Rev. J. W. Trout. Treasurer, T. A. Murray. Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. W. Mather. Recording Secretary, Rev. L. F. Warner. The following Board of Managers was elected—E. J. Drinkhouse, J. T. Murray, J. M. Sheridan, F. T. Tagg, John G. Clarke, T. A. Murray, C. A. Benjamin, J. W. Hering. A resolution of thanks was extended to T. A. Murray, Treasurer, for the courteous and efficient way in which he has performed his duties. No further business, the Society adjourned.

L. F. WARNER, *Secretary.*

Report F.**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EXPLANATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES.**

Your committee appointed at the last session of the Annual Conference "to prepare a rule for the election of Delegates," respectfully reports that its members have not been able to agree upon any method other than that contained in the Discipline. In response to the question that has been raised in some quarters, viz.: "Can a church with propriety hold an election for Delegate to the Annual Conference on Sunday?" it is the judgment of your committee that such an election would *not be illegal*. Your committee recommends that the subject of framing a law for the election of Delegates, be commended to the Committee on Revision of the General Conference, with the expression of the opinion that there be an uniform method of election throughout all the Conferences.

J. T. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

Report G.**REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.**

Your committee has carefully considered all interests involved, and make the following recommendations:

BOUNDARIES.

- 1st. Parksley be attached to Accomac, to be supplied by two Pastors.
- 2nd. That Denton and Ridgely be detached from Caroline circuit and made a separate charge, to be known as Denton.
- 3rd. That Heathsville be divided and that Fairfield, Afton and Liberty be constituted a charge, and called Fairfield; and Wicomico and Smyrna constitute another charge, to be called Wicomico.
- 4th. That Marley and Elvaton be attached to Holly Run.
- 5th. That Nichols Memorial and Severn be detached from Holly Run and made a separate charge, to be known as Nichols Memorial.
- 6th. That Montgomery be placed in the hands of the President.
- 7th. That the name of Washington-street charge be changed to "Alnutt Memorial."

APPROPRIATIONS.

Except as to contributions of ministers, same conditions as last year.

Broadway, \$250; Cumberland, \$250; Christ Church, \$150; Crumpton, \$30; Denton, \$150; Frederica, \$100; Fairfax, \$45; Millville, \$100; Middleway, \$100; N. Baltimore, \$200; Powellville, \$30; Quantico, \$100; Reliance, \$45; Seaford, \$50; St. Michael's, \$35; Wye, \$50; Remington, \$25; Nichols Memorial, \$150; Talbot, \$45; Wicomico, \$100. Baltimore Church Ext., \$450—same conditions as last year. N. Carolina Ave., \$500—to be placed in the hands of the Special Committee. Lawsonia, "if supplied," \$100—also to be placed under the care of the Pastor of Mariners charge.

Eldorado church guaranteed \$180, on condition that the property be secured to our church.

We recommend \$4,000 be assessed on the District for church extension.

B. P. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—We are gratified to be able to report advancement in the charges whose supervision and oversight you have committed to our care. Bethany, under the management of Bro. Hines, has greatly improved. While the congregations, possibly, are not as large, the work has been carefully organized and greatly solidified. The pastor comes to Conference reporting his salary almost, if not quite, raised in full and the current expenses in good shape. We heartily appreciate the co-operation of the people of this church in the matter of self support. They have undertaken the payment of a part of their ground rent and have raised an amount sufficient to insure the property for a term of years. They are pushing forward, and contemplate the improvement of their property in the near future.

Waverly, for the first time in a number of years, sends her pastor to Conference with salary paid in full. Not paid by persons or societies outside her own borders, but paid by her own efforts. Bro. Bryan has been quite successful in building up the congregation and strengthening the denominational loyalty of the church.

While no effort has been made to relieve this Society of any financial obligation in reference to this work, yet we think Waverly is improving and hope for larger results in the future. At the last Conference, you suggested to us, to raise at least \$300 of our debt. We did not think then, that we had been idle in the matter of raising money. While we do not now wish to glory in our own works, yet when the fact is stated, that as the direct result of the efforts of those who are interested in the work of this Society, in the space of twelve months, in the same building and practically from the same people, more than \$1200 have been raised, we do think we deserve your commendation. \$329 of this amount with an amount equal to the sum of one-quarter of the ground rent of North Baltimore and Bethany, will be placed in bank and very soon paid on the amount due by this Society.

We wish to express our great delight in the continued prosperity and enlargement at North Baltimore. While we are in no sense its supervisors, yet we are its helper, and the grace with which it yielded to our request to raise at least one quarter of its ground rent, delighted us and gives us the encouragement of still larger effort in this direction this year.

We wish you to understand that the monies paid by Bethany and North Baltimore on ground rent, were not used by us in meeting our current expenses, but directed to be used in the payment of our long outstanding indebtedness.

We are grateful to the Conference for the bestowment of confidence and money for the successful conduct of our work; to Mrs. T. A. Reese and St. John's Board of Beneficence for generous and much needed donations.

We most respectfully submit the following requests—

1st. That you appoint pastors to Bethany and Waverly who shall be under the advice and direction of this Society.

2nd. That you continue to us a sum of money not less than that of last year, and that you make the entire amount available and payable this Conference year.

Most respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. BOWERS, *President.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Your Committee on Evangelistic Work beg leave to submit the following report:

The year past has not been attended by the marked success of the year before. The continued sickness in the family of our Evangelist, Bro. Brown, and the death of his youngest child, together with the fact that he has been compelled to live at a remote distance from the charge most of the year, has embarrassed him in his work. Nevertheless substantial progress has been made in the development of the field. The outstanding subscriptions on Millville church have been paid, with the exception of one hundred and fifty dollars.

At Vine's Neck, a new church is nearing completion, and will cost about \$800—\$425 of which has been paid. Initiatory steps have been taken to build a church at Bayard, six miles from Millville.

In August, Bro. Brown held a campmeeting on Fenwick's Island, bordering on the Atlantic ocean, with encouraging success. The present prospect is that the grove in which the camp was held, will be sold to our people for a nominal sum, and that a camp will be held this year. It is estimated that not less than one hundred and fifty families will tent on the ground. Our ministers present last year were pleased at the outlook.

Millsboro appointment was dropped by authority of the Quarterly Conference, and we recommend that their action be sustained by the Annual Conference, and that Bayard be substituted in its place.

The financial report of the charge for the year is as follows:

Outstanding subscriptions on Millville church debt.....	\$ 600 00
Amount raised on new church at Vine's Neck.....	375 00
Pastor's salary.....	206 42
President's salary.....	10 00
Conference collections.....	23 50
Incidentals.....	79 84
 Total.....	 \$1,294 76

We recommend that an appropriation be made to this work. The amount to be left to the discretion of the President of Conference and the Committee on Church Extension.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. STRAUGHN, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

1898.

Receipts.

July.	Rec'd of Rev. D. W. Anstine.....	\$ 30 00
" 2.	" C. E. Dryden.....	13 00
" 13.	" Interest on Belair Circuit.....	10 00
Sept. 22.	" Rev. Eug. Makosky.....	44 00
" 24.	" J. H. S. Ewell.....	21 00
Nov. 24.	" W. M. Strayer.....	72 00
" 25.	" J. E. Maloy.....	7 00
Dec. 22.	" D. W. Wright.....	35 00
" 22.	" W. R. Graham.....	21 70

1899.

Jan'y 4.	" Fred. C. Klein.....	37 38
" 4.	" J. J. Murray.....	35 00
Mc'h 24.	" Avery Donovan.....	35 00
" 27.	" S. J. Smith.....	35 00
" 27.	" Norman Ward.....	35 00
" 28.	" Wm. H. Litsinger.....	9 00
" 30.	" J. M. Holmes.....	88 00

Total from Charges..... \$ 528 08

From Estate of Henry Swope (deceased),

of Libertytown, Legacy..... \$1,000 00

Inheritance tax 2½ per cent..... 25 00

----- \$ 975 00

Disbursements.

To Rev. J. M. Holmes, to pay Int. on Broadway C'h Loan... \$ 166 00

Balance in hand..... 362 08

----- \$ 528 08

BANK ACCOUNT.

In Maryland Savings Bank of Balto. City, April 1, 1898.... \$ 332 85

August 16, 1898, Deposited..... 975 00

\$1,307 85

March 15, 1899, drawn from Bank..... 1,200 00

Balance..... \$ 107 85

The above amount was drawn by order of Board of Managers.

T. HARRY BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

April 5, 1899.

Reports to the

MINUTES OF CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, April 7, 1899.

Church Extension Society called to order by Rev. J. T. Lassell.

Report of Treasurer called; but said report not being present, the Society proceeded to the election of officers, which are as follows:

President, J. T. Lassell; First Vice-President, S. B. Tredway; Second Vice-President, A. W. Mather; Secretary, E. D. Stone; Treasurer, T. H. Bartlett.

Board of Managers—F. T. Little, J. S. Bowers, W. J. Neepier, J. M. Sheridan, J. W. C. Dulany, J. N. Gilbert, T. A. Murray, T. H. Bartlett.

A motion was made to adjourn to meet at the call of the President. Motion carried. Society adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, April 8, 1899.

Church Extension Society called to order by President J. T. Lassell. Treasurer's report was read and adopted. Motion to refer the report to the Board of Finance to be audited, carried.

Motion to adjourn carried.

E. D. STONE, *Secretary.***Report H.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 70TH ANNIVERSARY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The undersigned were named at the last session of the Conference a committee to prepare and publish a suitable program for commemorating our Seventieth Anniversary.

We submit herewith a statement and vouchers showing that 20,000 copies of a program prepared as directed were printed and distributed at a total cost of \$242.50, and that all bills have been paid.

The Committee hopes that the work has been done to the satisfaction of the Conference, and that their statement may be audited and the Committee discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT COMMITTEE ON ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM.

Paid W. J. C. Dulany Co. for printing and mailing packages.....	\$242 50
Received from Churches for Programs.....	\$198 31
Received for pre-payment of freight refunded.....	1 75
Received contributions.....	42 44

\$242 50

Report I.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on President's Report respectfully submit the following:

We congratulate the Church upon the cheering intelligence the report brings of peace and prosperity throughout the District. We rejoice in the

successes of the year, in the fidelity and zeal of the churches, and pledge ourselves to more earnest effort in the future.

We would again express our grateful recognition of the continued generosity of that "elect lady," Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, and of the Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence.

We would emphasize the words, "The report of the Book Directory concerning the patronage of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT will not be so encouraging. I hope this Conference will enthusiastically support any wise proposition that may be made for placing our publishing interests on a stable and prosperous basis."

In accordance with the suggestions made in the report we recommend—

1. That the employment of a Conference Evangelist and the appointment of a Committee on Evangelistic Work be discontinued.
2. That the Conference discontinue the observance of the anniversaries of our Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies; and, also, that there be discontinued during the Conference sessions all collections for these interests except the collection of annual membership dues.

We also recommend that Paragraph I., under head of Rules of Administration, in the Conference Rules of Order, be stricken out, and that there be substituted the following:

In case of the death of any member of this Conference, Thursday at 11 o'clock the order of the day shall be Memorial Service.

A meeting in the interest of Temperance shall be held on Tuesday evening before the meeting of Conference.

A meeting in the interest of Literature and Education shall be held on Thursday evening.

A meeting in the interest of Missions shall be held on Friday evening.

A meeting in the interest of Ministerial Support shall be held on Monday evening.

The President of the Conference, as soon after the rise of Conference as practicable, shall appoint a chairman for each of these meetings, who shall make all arrangements for and preside at them.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman.*

Report J.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Inasmuch as we are commanded by the word of God to remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, and to set that day apart for religious service, and also to use it for the rest of the body; and inasmuch as the legislative bodies of our country recognize the sanctity of this day, by the enacting of laws for its proper observance, we therefore recommend the following:

First, that each pastor emphasize the important duty of Sabbath observance and on all occasions to urge the people whom he serves to attend the services of the sanctuary on the Lord's Day, and to discountenance Sunday visiting, pleasure-seeking, and everything else which tends to dishonor and desecrate

the holy Sabbath and to alienate the hearts of the people from its divinely intended purpose.

We recommend that attention be called again to the regulations in our Conference Manual concerning campmeetings, and that pastors, when such gatherings are held, see that these rules are strictly enforced.

We recommend also that a committee of two be appointed by this Conference, as requested in the letter of Bro. Oliver Hemstreet to this body, to confer with similar committees from other ecclesiastical bodies to decide upon some definite action to oppose the growing evil of Sabbath desecration.

C. S. ARNETT, *Chairman.*

Report K.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

We note with pleasure the intelligent effort to make **THE METHODIST PROTESTANT** an increasingly valuable paper, and the denomination is to be congratulated that we have in control of its editorial management, a man not only of fine literary attainments, but one also who, in the discharge of his duties, displays the rare quality of common sense. We especially congratulate Dr. Tagg, and the agent, upon the excellence of the special anniversary edition; and also upon the recent Christian Endeavor number. Such enterprise is to be commended, and should receive the highest approval and encouragement of the entire denomination. **THE METHODIST PROTESTANT** should have at least ten thousand subscribers, and we recommend this number as an objective point that should certainly be reached before the close of the present century.

We are glad to bear tribute to the continued courtesy and excellent management of our publishing agent, Mr. W. J. C. Dulany. He deserves and receives our heartiest commendation for the willing spirit of co-operation which he has always manifested.

The presence of Rev. M. L. Jennings, D. D., Editor of *The Methodist Recorder*, at our Conference session we note with pleasure, and his address emphasizing the uplifting influence of good literature is most opportune. We commend Dr. Jennings and the *Recorder* to all our people, and earnestly pray that the influence of both editor and paper may extend throughout our denomination.

Since our last session the Sunday-school periodicals have passed into new editorial control. We welcome Dr. C. E. Wilbur into his new field, and renew our pledge of loyalty to the Sabbath-school literature published by our own denomination. Not to use our own lesson-helps in our Sunday-school work is, in the opinion of your committee, a serious breach of denominational fealty. We would emphasize the importance of the observance of "Good Literature Day," and suggest that a suitable program, under the supervision of the Editor of **THE METHODIST PROTESTANT**, be provided for the occasion.

We rejoice exceedingly that the three addresses by Dr. Lewis are to be published in pamphlet, and we express the hope that it will be carefully read, and receive a wide circulation by our people.

We renew our commendation of "The History of Methodist Reform," by Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., and would call special attention to the favorable terms under which this excellent history may be obtained if purchased prior to the 1st of May prox.

We also call attention to the volume of sermons by the late Rev. J. T. Ward, D. D., which is now on sale, and bespeak for it a wide circulation.

Concerning the suggestion of the Baltimore Book Directory, that the Conference institute some measure for raising fifteen thousand dollars, for the purchase of a suitable building in which to conduct the affairs of the Book Concern on an independent basis, we report that we recognize the need of some such arrangement, and recommend that the President of the Conference appoint a committee of three ministers and three laymen, with full powers to act in conjunction with the Baltimore Book Directory.

With reference to the paper from the Baltimore Preacher's Meeting, relative to a Twentieth Century Fund, we report that the movement meets our hearty approval, and we recommend that all money raised in the Maryland District on this plan be given to the committee appointed to secure a building for an independent Book Concern.

J. W. TROUT, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ITEMS 8 AND 9 FROM COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The two items from the report of the Committee on Literature relative to raising a fund for a Book Concern building in Baltimore have been referred to this Special Committee for the purpose of presenting some plan for carrying out the idea into successful operation. We report favorably upon these items and believe it is entirely practicable to do what the committee suggests.

Rev. J. C. Berrien, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, has also been before us, and given us information of certain efforts that have been made to unite the various agencies of the Church in pressing an appeal for a thank-offering, or special contribution, upon our people to celebrate the opening of the twentieth century.

All these suggestions are of the same tenor, and they will all meet with the hearty approval of this Conference we are sure.

There has been a general movement among Methodists all over the world to recognize the goodness and mercy of God and to hail the new century with special and liberal gifts to the cause of Christ. The Methodist Episcopal Church proposes to raise \$20,000,000; The M. E. Church South, \$1,500,000; the Methodists of England, \$5,000,000; the Methodists of Canada, \$1,000,000. The Methodist Protestant Church, with nearly 200,000 members, ought to do as well. and by raising over the whole church an amount equivalent to one dollar a member, we can raise in this extraordinary way \$200,000.

We ought to do it because we are able to do it; because with other Churches laying their offerings at the Master's feet, it is not seemly for us to appear before Him with nothing in our hands; and especially because the century just closing belongs in an especial sense to us as the pioneers of Representative

Methodism. This century has been great and must ever be memorable for many reasons, but it is not too much to claim that its characteristic movement, the feature which future historians will seize as most prominently distinguishing this from all other ages of the world is the development of the principle of representation in Church and State.

Since this century dawned every movement for the recognition of the common people has taken permanent and successful form. Our own American Constitution has been established ; the great and ancient kingdom of France has become a Republic ; the common people of England have been enfranchised ; the iron hand of religious despotism has been broken in Italy ; and the divided monarchies of South America have yielded to the touch of the voter's hand. So it has been in Methodism. The small beginnings made by our Methodist Protestant fathers for representation have waxed so great and worked so beneficially that the whole lump has been leavened, or is being leavened, and the principle wears its purple no less in the cabinet of bishops than in the palace of kings. No people have so much to be thankful for at the close of this century as the common people, and no Methodists such reasons for pride and joy as Representative Methodists.

Therefore it is meet that we come before God with thanksgiving ; that we prepare ourselves to appear early in the morning of the new century to worship Him whose birthdays are the festivals of Nations, and, opening our treasures, present unto Him gifts : gold, frankincense and myrrh.

There seems to be no prospect of united action in the Church at large to carry this movement forward, since the General Conference will not meet in time, and since the General Boards who have been consulting together have not found it practicable to present a plan. But we should not allow the opportunity to be lost, and it seems to your Committee that the same result may be reached if each Annual Conference of the Church will take up the matter independently.

We therefore recommend to the Conference the adoption of the twentieth century thanksgiving offering as a distinct idea to be held before the members in this District during this and the coming year. We suggest the preaching of sermons by pastors on the subject, that a constant effort be made to emphasize the duty and privilege of benevolence, and that our people be affectionately urged to open their purses as well as their hearts to Christ. We endorse the suggestion of Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, that we set up the motto over all our regular Church operations : "Every dollar of every assessment for every cause."

But we think the Church will not be satisfied without some special and signal manifestation of gratitude. As we support our families all the days but give gifts on festivals, so we ought to mark this century festival with an offering over and above the regular support we give the Church.

In this Conference we are met by an appeal from the Baltimore Book Directory, which seems to present a ready solution to the question of the special object of this gift. The cause represented by this Directory stands for more in our history and perhaps in our success than any other cause in our

Church. No man nor party has ever been great enough to label our Church with his name. Our battle was a battle for principle and was begun, continued and triumphantly closed in a newspaper. THE METHODIST PROTESTANT is perhaps the oldest Methodist newspaper in the world. It gave feet and voice to the cause of representation when it must otherwise have dragged on in silence. It has seen the birth of every Methodist Protestant Church. It has hailed and helped every agency inaugurated in the Church. Whatever our age or location or employment in the Church this periodical is the dear mother of us all, has known and defended us all from the beginning, and has lived only to record our joys and sorrows and express our convictions.

The spectacle of this honored institution asking her children for a comfortable and independent and permanent abode ought to move the heart of the whole Church. Here in Maryland where it was born and where its glorious history has been written, the response cannot fail to be hearty and immediate.

Wherefore your Committee move you:

1. That the special effort to be made in the Maryland District for a twentieth century thank-offering be devoted to the purchase of a building in Baltimore for the use of the Baltimore Book Directory.

2. That we make special exertion to raise the sum of twenty thousand dollars, and that this sum, or so much of it as we may be able to raise, or so much of what we raise as may be necessary, be placed in the hands of the Baltimore Book Directory, and a committee of three to be appointed by this Conference who shall have the joint power of disposing of so much of the fund as may be necessary to purchase a building as proposed, to be in fee and free of debt, and the title of the property to be in the Trustees of this Conference. If more than the sum necessary for a building shall be raised, the balance remaining shall be reported to this Conference for disposition.

3. That some Sabbath between July 1st and December 1st of this year be set apart for a special service in furtherance of this object, and all our pastors are requested to co-operate with the Committee named in this paper for conducting such service.

4. That Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., be appointed as the agent of this Conference to make an active canvass of the Church in this District, presenting the cause in our pulpits and among our people, provided the Directory and he can arrange the editorial duties so as to permit it. And in case arrangements cannot be made with Dr. Tagg, that the Committee have the authority to arrange with the Directory for some other suitable person to act as agent.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY.

The Baltimore Book Directory to the Maryland Annual Conference:

We do not deem it necessary to make in detail a report of the business of the Concern for the past year, as all necessary information may be brought out in the consideration of a plan for its improvement, which we herewith submit to your thoughtful attention.

Believing that it is the desire of a large number of the members of the

Maryland Annual Conference to have a Book Concern on an independent basis; and, believing further, that the first step in the accomplishment of such a desired end, is the purchase of a suitable building for such a purpose in Baltimore city:

We, therefore, suggest that the Conference institute some measure for raising a fund for the benefit of the Book Concern, by subscription or otherwise—a fund of not less than fifteen thousand dollars, to be used in the purchase of a building in which to conduct the business of our Book Concern and Periodical; said building when purchased to be deeded to the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference. All subscriptions to be payable when the fifteen thousand dollars shall have been subscribed. No money to be used until the fifteen thousand dollars is in hand in cash.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DIRECTORS.

RESOLUTIONS OF BALTIMORE PREACHERS' MEETING.

WHEREAS, Several of our sister denominations have called for a "*Twentieth Century Thank-Offering*" in behalf of their Church interests, and believing that Methodist Protestants should follow their laudable example; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Maryland Annual Conference, now in session, propose to the several Annual Conferences throughout our Church the following suggestions, viz :

- I. The propriety of an earnest effort to accomplish the conversion of *Fifty Thousand Souls*, and also to secure the amount of *One Hundred Thousand Dollars* in behalf of our various Church enterprises.
- II. That the funds thus collected shall not supersede the several Conference assessments, but shall be in addition thereto.
- III. That every Annual Conference elect a Treasurer, to whom the contributions shall be paid immediately upon their collection.
- IV. That the respective Annual Conferences disburse the funds thus raised in their Districts according to their best judgment.

Presented by the Baltimore Preachers' Meeting,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President*,

W. S. PHILLIPS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING DR. LEWIS'S SERMON.

Your committee, to whom were referred the resolutions with regard to the advisability of publishing in book form the papers prepared by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., to which he gives the general title, "Methodist Protestant Principles," beg leave to report that the booklet can be published at a cost of about 10 cents per copy. It will be neatly bound, well printed, and contain about seventy pages. We believe it should be immediately published, and in order to test the temper of the Conference, we propose that pledges be immediately secured in order to decide whether it can be published without loss.

F. T. TAGG, *Chairman*.

Report L.

REPORT OF FACULTY.

The Faculty of Instruction most respectfully submits the following partial report :

We recommend the ordination of the following brethren :

Geo. H. Stocksdale, he having completed the prescribed course of study.

A. A. Bichell, C. L. Daugherty, W. O. Livingston, Edgar T. Read, J. L. Ward—provided these brethren pledge themselves to continue the Conference Course of study.

The Faculty of Instruction respectfully submits the following additional report :

We report that A. A. Bichell, having completed the studies of the First Year, is passed to the Second Year's Class.

That J. M. Dickey was passed to the Second Year's Class, provided he complete the First Year's Course.

That W. O. Livingston, W. A. Melvin, E. T. Read and J. L. Ward were passed to the Third Year's Course.

That W. A. Melvin having made 100 in Homiletics and E. T. Read 100 in Sacred Geography, are commended.

That N. O. Gibson, E. D. Stone, H. E. Bennington, G. A. Morris, H. O. Keen, A. N. Ward and J. F. Bryan, having kept their promise to continue the course of study were passed out of the course.

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, Some confusion has been experienced because those who have been recommended for the itinerancy have been supposed to be members of the Conference, therefore, to avoid this in the future and to emphasize the probationary relation of those who have not been ordained, be it

Resolved; The Faculty will hereafter recommend those who approve themselves, as received on trial.

We recommend that Henry Clay Hall, Chas. Melvin Zepp, Benj. Franklin Ruley, Hammond Spencer Leas, Thomas Reeves Woodward and George Edwin Brown be received on trial.

We recommend that J. H. Robinson, E. H. Jones and Thos. B. Pepper be placed in the hands of the President.

We recommend C. M. Compher, H. L. Murphy, Edward E. Tarr, H. Mahoney Denning and Robert H. Bartlett to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid.

We recommend that Wm. N. Sherwood and E. P. Perry be received as students under the care of the Faculty.

Joseph Machin and R. Clayton Burch, seminarians, requested that they be released from their present obligation to the Maryland Conference with a view to offering their services to the New York Conference. We recommend that their request be granted.

A. W. Betts who applied for ordination, not having taken the course of

study prescribed by the Conference, was declared ineligible and his request not granted.

We recommend that students of the Preparatory, Second and Third Year Courses, be required to present sermons of not more than 1200 words. Sermons from Preparatory and Second Year students to be sent to Dr. J. T. Murray, and those of Third Year students to J. T. Lassell. These sermons to be sent not later than Feb. 1st.

We recommend that graduates of the Theological Seminary be excused from text books of the Preparatory Course.

We recommend that C. L. Daugherty be passed to the Third Year Class, provided he complete the studies of the First Year's Class.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

Report M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report:

We have carefully considered the papers referred to us and also the interesting statements of Rev. T. J. Ogburn and Mr. F. C. Chambers, Corresponding Secretaries respectively of our Foreign and Home Missionary work, from which we present some facts for your attention.

The conditions of our work in Japan are more favorable than ever before for the prosecution of our efforts in that foreign field. The new treaties going into effect next July will secure to foreigners property rights never before accorded to them. Japan is being admitted by Christian nations into equal standing, nationally, with themselves; the first Oriental nation thus honored. The Christian schools may now have equal advantages with Government schools of similar grade, and their students be entitled to all the privileges hitherto enjoyed only by students of the Government schools. The present strong and growing tendency to assimilate the civilization and methods of Christian nations must lead to the adoption of Christianity itself as the root out of which a true civilization grows, and without which it cannot long survive. The whole country will soon be thrown open to the settlement, occupancy and influence of foreigners; it feels as never before the mighty thrill portending the transformation the near future will bring, and the national heart begins to throb with the exultation of a new birth into a higher civil life. Moral and religious questions are being freely discussed in the daily papers. It seems to us that this is the auspicious time for our Mission work in this field. We must seek to bless the new nation with the spirit which produced and sustains our home institutions, otherwise disappointing reaction may soon blast our hopes, and set back for generations the glorious work which faithfulness to present opportunity may carry forward to blessed results.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

It is very important that we raise in full our assessment. The Sunday Schools organized into Missionary Societies and contributing for this work as the Discipline requires, and in children's day services; also Christian Endeavor societies should each bear a part, bringing the aggregate collection for this interest to the full amount of \$5,000 requested of this Conference by the Board.

Bro. Smith's retirement from the work in December last, on account of ill health, necessitates the employment of a new Missionary, but funds are lacking to send and support one. The funds of the Board are exhausted, and it can look only to increased collections for relief from embarrassing financial strain. From the letter of Rev. E. H. Van Dyke we learn that within seven miles of Shizuoka, where we have two churches, are two cities with 25,000 inhabitants and no Christian work being done in them. The people are asking our Missionaries to open work in these cities, but they cannot do so without increased financial help.

New openings into inviting and promising fields have to be neglected because funds have been insufficient. Other heathen countries need that we send them the gospel, and we have men and women who would go to India or China if the necessary funds were available.

PROPERTY INTERESTS.

The sale of the old Nagoya Anglo-Japanese College lot, and the purchase of a better and larger one in February, 1898, netting the Mission a profit of over \$12,000 American dollars, with which the old buildings were moved to the new lot and improved, and new ones were erected, leaving a balance of about \$2,500, which was expended in the erection of two missionary residences on the Yokohama school lot, was, we think, a beneficial business transaction.

Our seven churches and two parsonages in Japan are valued at \$6,550, and our college and school properties are worth \$25,000—a total of \$31,550.

The school and college buildings and lots and teachers' residences are now all in good condition.

The letters and reports from the field breathe a spirit of hopefulness and determination, and bespeak a condition entirely encouraging. Harmony prevails among the workers. Their labors are greatly blessed. Revivals have been frequent and conversions are reported.

The Japan Mission Annual Conference met on the 6th inst., and is now in session. The interesting fact at this time should incite us, in Conference assembled, to prayer for our fellow workers beyond the sea.

HOME MISSION WORK.

Your Committee was favored in having before it Mr. F. C. Chambers, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, from whom we learn that the Board of Home Missions is engaged in a work vital to the success of our Church, and worthy of the sympathy and support of every Methodist Protestant. The Board has reduced its working expenses to the minimum, and is canceling old obligations as rapidly as possible. If it can secure the assessments in full

from all our churches in the denomination, it will pay the last dollar of debt by the close of another year, and will be able to extend its operations and establish prosperous Missions in many promising fields. As the Easter service, held in this interest by the Fall Conferences, is not practicable in Maryland, we recommend that the Sunday before Thanksgiving be designated as Home Mission day, when a Thanksgiving service will be held and a collection taken for Home Missions, to be applied on assessment.

We recommend that we make an earnest effort to place in the hands of the Treasurer in the early part of the year the assessment, which has already been fixed by the Conference at \$1,500.

The work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society deserves the hearty co-operation of our pastors and the generous support of our membership, and we recommend that in churches where auxiliaries do not exist the pastors be requested to aid in organizing them, and thus stimulate interest in this branch of our efficient system of Missionary enterprise.

We recommend that the reports which have been submitted to the Conference by the Maryland Branch and the Washington and Alexandria Branch W. F. M. S. be printed in the minutes of the Conference.

W. R. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF MARYLAND BRANCH W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Maryland Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church send greetings and prayers for special blessings to Maryland Annual Conference, assembled at Crisfield, Md., 1899. Praising God for His past blessings and trusting Him for those to come, we present to you a partial report for year ending April 3, 1899.

We regret a few auxiliaries have thought best to disband, and yet are thankful that several have increased their membership. Our aim is to arouse latent forces. Only 500 women of Maryland are members of our organization. This is far from what it should be. The heathen woman is sister to all—not five hundred alone. The fields are ripe unto the harvest. Oh! for more consecrated workers to help gather in the golden grain for the Master. Echoes from Japan whisper that the seed sown is bringing to our workers an abundant harvest.

Last year our Branch had 33 auxiliaries—this year 28. May we not ask the brethren to "help just a little" in this great work? Do not let all our communications rest in your waste basket, as some of you have informed us, but carefully read and advocate the good cause. We know that it is not the desire of some to have an auxiliary, and regret the same. With others, we realize that their efforts in our behalf have been blest.

Last year scholarships supported 8, this year 6; Bible readers 2, kindergarten workers 1.

The Y. P. S. C. E. and Juniors have rendered us valuable assistance. We ask that each C. E. and Junior Society contribute at least one collection per year to the support of the above. \$40 per year will educate a girl; \$50 per year will support either a Bible reader or kindergarten worker.

As a general Society we are contemplating entering China this year. This means much. We have been an organization just twenty years. We seem to hear the cry, "Come over and help us." Will not each pastor give us an offering for China this coming year? Our receipts to date \$1300. May God bless us all.

Respectfully,

MRS. H. Y. HUPFIELD,

Cor. Sec. Md. Br. W. F. M. S., Baltimore, Md.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
W. F. M. S. METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.**

To Maryland Annual Conference:

Auxiliaries, 4; Members, 88; Meetings held during year, 4; Scholarships, 1; Life Members, 1; Memorial Members, 1; Honorary Members, 3.

Total amount of money reported from all sources during the year ended March 31, 1899, \$206.80.

MARY C. ONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report N.

REPORT OF GENERAL HOME MISSION STEWARD.

Total Assessed.....			\$1,185 00
" Paid.....			914 14
Deficiency.....			\$ 270 86

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BEANE, *Steward.*

Report O.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARD, APRIL, 1899.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

		Comparative Table.		
	Assessed.	Paid.	Increase over 1898.	Decrease from 1898.
Bible Cause.....	\$ 413.74	\$.....	\$ 17.84	
Tract Cause.....	559.34	141.50		
Incidental Expenses of Confer'e	\$ 383.00	306.30	6.13	
Ministerial Education.....	605.00	516.35		324.50
Theological Seminary.....	1,890.00	1,584.14	1.16	
Superannuates.....	4,018.00	2,927.67		94.26
Church Extension.....	4,175 00	3,708.25	686.65	
General Home Missions.....	1,185.00	914.14		204.96
Foreign Missions.....	2,850.00	1,753.51		18.12
Special, for Foreign Missions.....		4,827.56	655.90	
President's Salary.....	2,370.00	2,349.10	11.35	
Total for General Interests.....	17,471.00	19,860.10	1,502.69	659.68

Net increase over 1898, \$843.01.

LOCAL INTERESTS.

	Assessed.	Paid.	Comparative Table.	
			Increase over 1898.	Decrease from 1898.
Pastor's Salaries.....	\$ 69,467.65	\$ 66,123.97	\$.....	\$ 367.78
Rental Value of Parsonages.....	8,715.00	8,715.00	.....	3,175.06
Current Expenses.....	26,831.03	26,831.03	.....	7,666.03
Building and Improvements.....	49,378.15	49,378.15	11,945.44	.....
Paid on Debt.....	11,783.99	11,783.99	.....	4,597.22
Special, for Miscel'ous Purposes	2,270.30	2,270.30	572.16	.....
Total. for Local Interests.....	168,446.12	*165,102.44	12,517.60	15,806.09

*Add the amount of the President's Salary paid, \$2,349.10, and we have \$167,451.54 as the total for Local Interests for the year.

Total amount of money raised during the Conference year for all purposes, \$187,811.54.

Decrease in the amount of money raised during this year for Local Interests, as compared with 1898, \$3,288.49.

Net decrease in the amount of money raised for all purposes this year, as compared with 1898, \$2,445.48.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Conference Steward.*

Report P.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK.

Your Committee on Christian Endeavor Work respectfully submit the following report :

Number of Societies—Young People's, 111; Junior's, 57; membership, 6,274; conversions, 142; contributions, \$3,558.48. This, compared with the report of last year, shows a decrease in number of societies, 37; membership, 617; conversions, 71; contributions, \$336.75. While there has been an increase of 23 in Junior Societies, 27 charges report no societies at all. Decreased numbers may not always mean a corresponding decrease of spiritual life, activity and aggressiveness, but figures are not altogether without significance. We believe that the Christian Endeavor movement in our Conference may yet accomplish its greatest work, and that no charge should be without its Christian Endeavor Society. The ringing watchword for the coming year should be, "A Christian Endeavor Society in every Church, and every Society filled with the Holy Spirit." The reading of verses, quotations, etc., in the devotional meetings of our local societies should never be substituted for careful preparation and original work. In all social functions Christian Endeavorers should be "social to save," and denominational loyalty must not be sacrificed to inter-denominational fellowship. The "Quiet Hour" should be more generally and thoroughly observed. These are our recommendations :

First—That our Conference Union hold a convention during this Conference year, and that the President of our Conference Union, through such committees as he may select, make full arrangements for said convention.

Second—That Wednesday night of the next session of the Maryland Annual Conference be set apart for a Christian Endeavor and Sunday School Rally.

Third—That a committee be appointed to arrange a course of reading for the Endeavorers of our Conference, similar to that now being pursued by other denominations.

Fourth—That our local societies be requested to co-operate with the pastors in increasing the circulation of our denominational literature, especially THE METHODIST PROTESTANT.

L. R. DYOTT, *Chairman.*

Report Q.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY STEWARD FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 5, 1899.

Paid on Assessment.....	\$1,753 51
Children's Day.....	2,681 28
W. F. M. S.....	2,016 78
Special.	83 60
Sunday School.....	45 90
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Total.....	\$6,581 07
Total for year ending April 6th, 1898.....	5,943 29
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Increase in total over last year.....	\$ 637 78
Paid on Assessment year ending April, 1898.....	\$1,771 63
" " " " 1899.....	1,753 51
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Decrease.....	\$ 18 12
Children's Day, year ending April, 1898.....	\$2,569 28
" " " " 1899.....	2,681 28
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Increase.....	\$ 112 00
W. F. M. S., year ending April, 1898.....	\$1,204 11
" " " " 1899.....	2,016 78
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Increase.....	\$ 812 67

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. WARD, *Steward.*

*Reports to the
Report R.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully submit the following report:

We believe the Liquor Traffic to be a gigantic evil, the prolific source of crime, poverty and insanity, a foe to Church and State and an enemy of God; and we further believe it to be the moral duty of all Christian people to seek its constant restriction and final overthrow.

The increasing temperance sentiment of the country is ever bearing fruit. We rejoice in the abolition, by the U. S. Government, of the army canteen, and do most heartily commend Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, of the "Reform Bureau," Washington, D. C., and others, for their heroic work to protect our soldiers.

We congratulate the citizens of the State of Delaware on the referendum feature in the new constitution by which each district created for the purpose may have the right to determine whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be sold within its limits, and we denounce in severe measure the trickery of the politicians, which deprived so large a number of the citizens of that State of the opportunity of voting for local option.

The General Conference at its last session reported on Temperance in part as follows: "We are opposed to any and every system of license, for the reason that it is a legal sanction of an iniquitous traffic and gives it the same recognition before the law as that of a just and honorable business, and we cannot give even implied or indirect sanction to the business. We want to record our constant and uncompromising hostility to the saloon, and our hearty support of any measure that will compass its overthrow." We heartily concur in this expression of the General Conference. The time has come for the Church to free itself of all complicity with this evil, and we believe Christian voters should not only pray against the traffic, but should also cast their ballots against men and parties that do not stand pledged to its destruction.

We repeat and emphasize the item of a former report adopted by this Conference, that signing a liquor license application, or renting property for the sale of intoxicating liquors, is inconsistent with Christian principles, and should be a bar to church membership.

We commend the W. C. T. U., anti-saloon leagues and kindred organizations in their noble effort to stay the ravages of intemperance.

We recommend that each pastor be requested to preach at least one Temperance sermon during the year, and we further suggest a more general observance of temperance exercises in our Sunday Schools and C. E. Societies.

We continue the recommendation of the Temperance Anniversary to be held on Tuesday evening preceding the session of Conference.

L. F. WARNER, *Chairman.*

Report S.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION STEWARD.

SUMMARY.

Amount Assessed	\$4,183 00
Amount Appropriated, '98 and '99.....	\$3,230 31
Back Pay.....	952 69
	————— 4,183 00

Funds for Distribution.

From Assessment.....	\$2,955 25
Annual Dues.....	93 90
T. H. Bartlett, above receipts.....	23 00
	————— \$3,072 15

Less Amount Paid.

J. M. Holmes, for Broadway Church.....	\$275 00
F. T. Little, Baltimore City Church Extension Society..	500 00
	————— 775 00

Amount to be Distributed..... \$2,297 15

DEFICIENCIES AT LAST CONFERENCE.

Campbell—W. A. Melvin.....	\$ 18 98
Christ Church—W. H. Litsinger.....	94 90
Crumpton—G. D. Edmonston.....	18 98
Chincoteague—H. E. Bennington.....	28 46
Evergreen—N. O. Gibson.....	75 92
Fairfax—H. F. Wright.....	28 46
Frederica—W. O. Livingstone.....	28 46
First Church (Wilm'n)—G. L. Wolfe.....	37 95
Hurlock's—G. M. Clayton.....	26 57
Mardela—A. H. Green.....	28 46
Middleway—F. L. Stevens.....	37 95
North Baltimore—A. N. Ward.....	94 90
Parksley—E. D. Stone.....	56 94
Powellville—G. A. Morris.....	18 98
Potomac—J. W. Norris.....	28 46
Quantico—H. S. Johnson.....	37 95
Queen Anne's—C. P. Nowlin.....	15 18
Reliance—A. D. Dick.....	18 98
Seaford—S. J. Smith.....	18 98
2nd Church (Wilm'n)—F. A. Holland.....	28 46
Talbot—C. H. Daugherty.....	18 98
Wye—R. L. Lewis.....	37 95
Baltimore Church Extension Society—F. T. Little.....	75 92
Conference Evangelist—J. M. Brown.....	75 92
	————— 952 69

Amount for Distribution April 10, 1899..... \$1,344 46

	<i>Promised.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>	<i>Due.</i>
Cumberland—J. M. Yingling.....	\$ 75 00	\$ 44 03	\$ 30 97
Crumpton—G. D. Edmonston.....	30 00	17 61	12 39
Christ Church—W. H. Litsinger.....	150 00	88 07	61 93
Caroline—C. E. Dryden.....	100 00	58 71	41 29
Conference Evangelist—J. M. Brown.....	400 00	234 84	165 16
Evergreen—E. P. Perry.....	125 00	73 38	51 62
Fairfax—H. F. Wright	50 00	29 35	20 65
Frederica—W. O. Livingstone.....	50 00	29 35	20 65
Middleway—A. H. Green.....	70 00	41 09	28 91
N. C. Avenue—R. S. Rowe.....	500 00	293 55	206 45
North Baltimore—A. N. Ward.....	100 00	58 71	41 29
Parksley—E. D. Stone.....	100 00	58 71	41 29
Powellville—G. A. Morris.....	45 00	26 41	18 59
Potomac—J. W. Norris.....	70 00	41 09	28 91
Quantico—A. A. Bichell.....	100 00	58 71	41 29
Reliance—A. D. Dick.....	45 00	26 41	18 59
Seaford—S. J. Smith.....	100 00	58 71	41 29
St. Michael's—S. A. Hoblitzell.....	35 00	20 54	14 46
Talbot—C. H. Daugherty.....	45 00	26 41	18 59
2nd Church (Wilm'n)—F. A. Holland.....	50 00	29 35	20 65
Wye—J. F. Wooden.....	50 00	29 35	20 65
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	\$2,290 00	\$1,344 38	\$ 945 62
Total Amount for Distribution.....		\$1,344 46	
" " Distributed.....		1,344 38	
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Balance in hand.....		08	
Percentum, 58 7-100.			

AVERY DONOVAN, *Steward.*

Report T.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Board of Finance respectfully submits the following report :

We have examined the following reports with vouchers, and found them correct : The Report of the Secretary of the Conference; the Report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society; the Report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage; the Report of Rev. J. M. Holmes on interest for Broadway debt; also, the Report of the Committee on the Seventieth Anniversary. We recommend that the request of this committee to be discharged be granted, and that we express our thanks and high appreciation for the valuable services they have rendered the whole church.

We recommend that the President's salary for the ensuing year be \$2,470.00.

The Conference authorized the Board of Finance to make the following assessments on the District :

Conference Assessments.....	\$ 400 00
Seminary.....	1,800 00
Ministerial Education.....	600 00
Superannuates.....	4,000 00
Foreign Missions.....	3,000 00
General Home Missions.....	1,500 00
Church Extension.....	4,000 00

We report the following assessments for these General Interests.*

J. M. SHERIDAN, *Chairman.*

(*See Tables of Assessments).

REPORT ON PASTOR'S SALARY.

Your committee, appointed by the President of this Conference to devise a plan to increase the salaries of married pastors to \$600 on charges paying less than that amount, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We believe that every married pastor is entitled to at least \$600 on any charge to which this Conference may appoint him.

2nd. We believe, moreover, that the average charge served by a married pastor is able, and can, by the use of proper methods, be made to pay \$600.

3rd. We further believe, that a general increase in pastors' salaries will conduce not only to the comfort and usefulness of the pastor, but to the speedy and permanent development of the charges themselves, and we therefore recommend to Quarterly Conferences—

1st. That \$600 be fixed as the minimum salary for married pastors.

2nd. That the delegates from charges served by married men, and paying less than \$600, be instructed to present the matter before the Quarterly Conference, urging an increase in pastor's salary and the use of a system to procure the same.

3rd. That special attention given by the pastor and stewards to the new accessions, the members who do not regularly attend divine services and those seldom visited, will aid largely in increasing the salary to the minimum mark.

4th. That the President of the Conference be authorized to make it a special point on his official visit to such charges, to bring the matter before the officials of said charge.

We further recommend this Conference, at the present session, to organize a Sustentation Fund Society, the officers of which shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties it shall be to conduct all interests properly belonging to it.

B. W. KINDLEY, *Chairman.*

Report U.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

The Committee on President's Parsonage respectfully reports that, in view of the contemplated purchase of a Bookstore in Baltimore, the matter of the sale of the President's Parsonage and the purchase of another property for

the present be postponed, but that a committee be appointed to continue the work of the present committee, and when, in their judgment, the proper time arrives, carry out the wish of the Conference as expressed at the session of 1898.

J. M. SHERIDAN, *Chairman.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

1898. April 6. Cash Balance in hand.....	\$ 30 79
1899. <i>Receipts.</i>	
March 17. Cash from Rev. A. D. Melvin, Pres't, on account..	100 00
April 4. " " " " " ..	10 75
" Sundry bills and expenditures paid by the President during the year.....	50 25

1898. <i>Disbursements.</i>	\$191 79
April 7. Paid Revs. Sheridan and Little their expenses to Easton, Md., to consult with Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese regarding Parsonage.....	\$ 5 88
Aug. 5. Paid Rev. J. M. Sheridan for Postage Stamps in Parsonage Committee work.....	5 00
Dec. 16. Paid W. J. C. Dulany Co. for Circulars and Postals for Rev. J. M. Sheridan in his communications in interest of prospective new Parsonage.....	4 00
1899.	
Jan. 4. Paid Premium to Germania F. Ins. Co.—\$2,000 on House, \$500 on Furniture—for 3 years.....	11 00
March 29. Paid Water Rent on Parsonage	13 44
April 4. Paid Sundry bills for Repairs, Replenishing, etc., during the year.....	50 25
" Paid T. A. Murray, Treasurer, Ground Rent, \$56.25, interest on Repair Loan, \$33.75.....	90 00

April 4. Balance in hand.....	\$ 12 22

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT N. GILBERT.

Report W.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies, after the receipt and examination of various financial reports, submit the following :

1. For the Maryland Bible Society, there has been collected during the year the sum of \$414.24. Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200 of this amount, and \$214.24 was collected from the charges of the District. For Life Directors of the Society we submit the following names: C. P. Nowlin, W. A. Melvin, W. O. Livingstone and C. E. Dryden.

2. For the Maryland Tract Society there has been collected from the charges of the Maryland District \$204.34. Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200, Rev. J. T. Murray, D. D., \$144, and Gen. Richard Thomas \$10—a total of \$559.34. We submit the following names for Life Directors: G. R. Hodge, J. F. Bryan, G. H. Stocksdale and Emanuel Pearce.

3. We commend the management of the Home for the Aged, and regret that they are forced to report a deficiency. We urge upon pastors of charges which failed to contribute anything for the Home, the importance of presenting its claims, as an assessment will become necessary if the contributions are not increased.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. D. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

THE HOME FOR THE AGED.

WESTMINSTER, Md., April 4th, 1899.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of The Home for the Aged, herewith transmits the report of the Treasurer, and also the report of the Lady Managers, the latter covering the work for the past year. The report of the Treasurer shows that there is at this time no indebtedness upon the Home, but that three hundred dollars of the amount received for admission fees, was used to liquidate a like amount remaining due upon the property, and which the Board could not realize by subscription. Also that the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty cents was advanced to the Lady Managers to aid them in their work, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer, of the permanent fund, \$1,025.02.

In the opinion of the Committee this fund ought not to be touched for current expenses, especially while the institution is without endowment, and while it could be so easily sustained by contributions from the churches. Until the Home becomes much larger than it is at present, the admission fees ought to be invested, and the proceeds of the investment alone used to aid in paying current expenses.

The Home is thoroughly furnished and the property is in every way in excellent condition, and admirably adapted to the purposes for which it is being used. There are at this time four lady inmates in the Home, who are well cared for, happy and contented, forming a most interesting family.

The committee calls the special attention of the Conference to the report of the Lady Managers. This report shows the judicious management of these ladies, in the fact that the Home has been conducted for the year at a total cost of \$578.18; and the accommodations have been entirely satisfactory to all concerned. The Matron has greatly aided the ladies, and seems specially adapted to the place she occupies.

There is another feature of the report, however, which is not so encouraging and which must receive the serious consideration of the Conference, and that is the meagre support which the institution has received during the past year. It shows that of the 127 stations and circuits, 91, or nearly three-fourths of the entire number, have made no contribution of any kind to the Home,

during the year which has just closed. The total amount which has been contributed by the remaining 36 circuits and stations is \$274.15. This amount has been supplemented by individual contributions to the amount of \$26.00 and \$138.60, drawn from the permanent fund, and also \$92.40 received for the boarding of an inmate who left the Home at the request of the Board. The deficiency for the year, with all these sums put together, is \$46.96, and if the amount received from the churches were taken alone, the deficit would be \$303.96.

It will be clearly seen from this statement, that the Home cannot continue its usefulness, indeed cannot continue at all, without a more general and generous response from our churches. Some have done well, but with ninety-one of the Stations and Circuits doing nothing, and a large number of those contributing, doing so in very small sums, embarrasses the work to a degree that none but those who have it in charge can appreciate.

The ladies who have this Home in charge, and who are devoting themselves to the work which the church has assigned to them, can look to no other source than the Conference to provide the means for its support.

We do not believe that our church in the Maryland District intends that they shall be embarrassed in the good work in which they are engaged, or that the institution which offers shelter and home, to the homeless aged among us, shall suffer for want of support.

But brethren, it is needful, pressingly needful, that measures be adopted that will carry into practical effect, purposes so good and so necessary.

The committee commends the work and the workers, and those who are being cared for, to God and to the Conference.

J. W. HERING,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE LADY MANAGERS.

Total amount expended in conducting the Home from April

1, 1898 to April 1, 1899.....	\$ 578 11
Amount received from churches.....	\$274 15
Amount received from individual subscriptions.....	26 00
Amount received for boarding inmate who left the Home...	92 40
	531 99
Deficiency for the year.....	\$46 96

The Board herewith submits a list of the Stations and Circuits which have contributed to the support of the Home during the past year. Also a report of the Stations and Circuits from which no contributions have been received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES,

President of the Board of Lady Managers.

The following Stations and Circuits *have contributed* to the support of the Home during the past year: Lisbon, Seaford, Conquest, Greenwood, Row-

landsville, East Baltimore, Queen Anne's, Finksburg, Kennedyville, Union Bridge, Laurel, St. James, West Baltimore, Starr, St. John's, Pocomoke City, North Baltimore, Pipe Creek, Broadway, Jefferson, Cecil, Central, Washington, Chestertown, Baltimore Circuit, Susquehanna, Brooklyn, Alnutt Memorial, Trinity, Eutaw, Georgetown, D. C., Frederick, Grove, Newark, South Baltimore, Snow Hill, Easton, Belair, Westminster.

The following Stations and Circuits *have paid nothing* toward the support of the Home during the past year: Accomac, Bedford, Bethel, Bethany, Beaver Dam, Cambridge, Caroline, Campbell, Centreville, Chesapeake, Christ's Church, Baltimore, Clayton, Concord, Chincoteague, Crumpton, Delmar, Deer Creek, Deer Park, Delta, Dorchester, Dover, Elizabeth, Evergreen, Fairfax, Fawn Grove, Fair View, First Church, Washington, D. C., Fox Hill, Franklin City, Felton, Frederica, Georgetown, Del., Harper's Ferry, Heathsville, Hurlocks, Indian River, Lewistown, Lynchburg, Mardela, Middleway, Millville, Milton, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Nebo, North Carolina Avenue, Washington, D. C., New Market, Oxford, Parksley, Pittsville, Pocomoke Circuit, Powellsville, Patapsco, Potomac, Quantico, Reliance, St. John's, Canton, St. Luke's (Philadelphia), St. Michael's, Salem, Stewartstown, Union Circuit, Violetsville, Waltersville, Warwick, Williamsport, Wilmington, Del., West Wilmington, Wye, Alexandria, Crisfield, Cumberland, Georgetown Ct., Hampton, Harrington, Howard, Holly Run, Kempton, Kent Island, Liberty, Mariners, Marley, Payson Street, Remington, Salisbury, Sussex, Talbot, Waverly.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED.

The Treasurer reports that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars was taken from the permanent fund (that is money paid for admission fees) and used in liquidation of the remaining indebtedness of like amount upon the original purchase of the property, and which it was hoped might be covered by subscription. There is at this time no indebtedness upon the property. Owing to the small contributions from the churches for the current support of the Home, the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and sixty cents was paid to the ladies, to be used for this purpose. The Treasurer has now in his hands \$1,025.02, which is bearing 3 per cent. interest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING,
Treasurer of the Home for the Aged.

WESTMINSTER, MD., April 4th, 1899.

Report X.**REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL STEWARD.**

Assessment for Seminary.....	\$1,890 00
Paid.....	1,584 14
Increase over last year.....	1 16

Assessment for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 605 00
Paid.....	516 35
Decrease.....	324 50

GEO. HINES, *Steward.***Report Y.****REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**

Your Committee on Education submits the following report:

We note with great pleasure and pride the continued prosperity, the increasing patronage, the widening influence and the enlarging material resources of Western Maryland College. The report of President Lewis herewith submitted, gives the gratifying information that the current year has been one of the most prosperous years in the history of this excellent institution of learning.

Two hundred and sixty-nine students have been enrolled, and the present accommodations for boarding students have been taxed to their full capacity. The last named fact makes necessary a new building, and the President, with his accustomed energy and aggressiveness, has arranged to proceed immediately to supply the need. We cannot commend too highly the wise, alert and liberal administration of Dr. Lewis, seconded and supported by the Board of Trustees.

The completion of Alumni Hall marks another epoch in the history of the College. This handsome, substantial and commodious structure will afford rooms for the several literary societies of the College and the much needed auditorium commensurate with the demands of Commencement Week. This assembly room is so spacious, so tasteful, and so well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed that it is not extravagant to say that there is not its superior, if indeed its equal, within the bounds of the State.

The refunding of the debt of the College at the low rate of interest (2 per cent.) is another gratifying financial success of the present administration.

The report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary is also most gratifying and encouraging. We need not here detail the evidences of prosperity, wise administration and usefulness exhibited in that paper since it has been read in the hearing of the Conference and will appear in the published minutes. But we are constrained to say that nothing seems lacking to the realization of our most sanguine expectations concerning this important institution of our Church but a larger liberality on the part of our people in its behalf and the unanimous determination on the part of our pastors to raise the full amount assessed upon their respective charges. Every pastor should feel that there is special reason for him to exert himself to this end whatever the difficulties he may encounter. The brethren assigned to work in this Seminary are our servants, and their only guarantee of a support is our fidelity and the liberality of our people.

We regret to report that there is again a deficit in the collections on the Conference assessments for the Seminary. This deficit is in excess of last

year, being \$228.86 against \$217 a year ago. Sixty-eight dollars have been received from 23 charges to meet the deficiency of last year.

The Board of Governors asks for an assessment of \$1,800 for the ensuing year and for the assignment of Revs. H. L. Elderdice and B. F. Benson to their present positions. We recommend that these requests be granted, and also that immediate action be taken to meet the deficiency in the collections for the Seminary.

Your committee has received such information respecting the destruction of the Lynchburg College at the close of the Civil War, and while under the protection of the Federal authorities, as justifies the recommendation that a committee, consisting of Dr. J. W. Hering, President of the General Conference, J. R. Caton, Esq., Rev. E. A. Warfield, and F. W. Whittaker, be appointed to investigate and prosecute the claim of our Church upon the United States Government.

Signed for the committee,

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference,

DEAR BRETHREN: In completing my thirteenth year of service as President of Western Maryland College, there seems to be no need to make any but the briefest report, as there are no matters of special concern to report.

But it may be said that we have had one of the most prosperous years in our history.

We have enrolled 269 students, of whom 176 were boarders.

We have completed Alumni Hall, and it will be opened for our next Commencement.

We have finished the issue of bonds, and our total debt will not much exceed \$20,000, at 2 per cent.

We have arranged to proceed immediately with a new building to provide for students in excess of our present accommodations.

We hope our Commencement of 1900 will show an enrollment of three hundred students.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

We report a year of gratifying progress. That the work of improvement has continued along all lines is evident from the standard of the curriculum, the furnishing of rooms and in the increase in the number of students.

Fifteen students have registered—1 in the Second Year Degree Course, and 3 in the First Year; in the Graduate Course, 5 in the Senior Class, 3 in the Middle Class and 3 in the Junior Class.

Next Commencement there will be 5 graduates. One of these will receive the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and 4 will receive the Certificate of Graduation.

Three students are the beneficiaries of Free Scholarships, and several more have been provided for next year.

The churches have welcomed the President of the Seminary, and generously responded to his appeals until all the rooms, except two, have been furnished and named after the church making the contribution. Some churches have given less than \$25—these have been duly acknowledged through THE METHODIST PROTESTANT. The churches contributing \$25 or more have their names on the doors of students' rooms: Alnutt Memorial, Cecil Circuit, Central (Washington), Central (Frederick Circuit), Centreville, Chestertown, Easton (C. E. Society), Kent Island, Libertytown, Newark, Trinity, Salem, Starr, and West Baltimore. The churches of Pocomoke City charge contributed over two hundred dollars for general improvements and for the furnishing of the President's Room. Pipe Creek gave \$100 for the Ward Memorial Chapel; Westminster church furnished a Lecture Room; Buckeystown gave \$100, and a layman gave \$100, and a friend \$200, which, with smaller subscriptions during the last two years, have placed the grounds and buildings in elegant condition.

The Faculty consists of H. L. Elderdice, President and Professor of Hebrew and Historical Theology; Dr. B. F. Benson, Systematic and Practical Theology; Prof. J. W. Reese, New Testament Greek; Dr. Lewis. Christian Evidences. These teachers have given to the fifteen students of the five classes the same kind and amount of instruction that would have been given to a school of 1500 students. A Course of Lectures has been made possible by the able help of Revs. Dr. W. S. Hammond, J. E. T. Ewell, W. M. Poisal, T. O. Crouse, N. T. Meginniss, W. M. Strayer, A. D. Melvin and T. J. Ogburn. Dr. Drinkhouse continues his prize for excellence in Extemporaneous Debate.

The President has visited the New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and North Carolina Conferences, and received from them encouraging moral and material aid.

Prior to Conference, 42 of the 127 charges reported their assessments, with an aggregate of \$682.20. During this session of the Conference, the Educational Steward has reported \$888.94, making a sum total of \$1571.14 on an assessment of \$1,800—deficiency, \$228.86.

Prior to Conference, 23 of the charges responded to the special assessment of \$3 to meet last year's deficiency, making an aggregate of \$68. Some charges have included this special assessment with the regular assessment.

The Conference is respectfully requested to assess the District \$1,800 for the Seminary, and to reappoint Hugh L. Elderdice and B. F. Benson.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Report Z.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to submit the following report:

Concerning the papers submitted to us we recommend—

I. That the request of St. John's Independent Methodist Church, for the loan of Rev. J. S. Bowers as pastor for the ensuing year, be granted.

II. That the request of the Maryland Tract Society, for the loan of Rev. J. T. Murray as General Agent and Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing year, be granted.

III. Inasmuch as the pastor and members of this church, and the friends of Crisfield and vicinity, have placed the Conference under many obligations for royal entertainment munificently provided, and for favors and attentions which contributed greatly to the pleasure and comfort of our sojourn in their midst, that the Conference hereby tender to them its heartfelt thanks.

IV. That the Conference, recognizing the marked spirit of fraternity and Christian brotherhood evidenced by the action of the Pastor and Trustees of Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church in placing at the disposal of our committees their church rooms, do hereby express its great appreciation, its best thanks, and the assurance of its reciprocal fraternal feelings.

V. Satisfied that the Conference has rejoiced over, and fully reciprocates the deep spirit of fraternity voiced by the telegram from Rev. J. Norman Wills, Fraternal Messenger of the North Carolina Conference, we recommend that this Conference appoint one of its members as messenger to the North Carolina Conference to bear to them the fraternal greetings of this body.

VI. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Postmaster of Crisfield for special favors and facilities accorded to the members, and to the Conference Postmaster for his uniform care and diligence in the performance of his duties.

VII. That the representatives of the press be thanked for their efficient labors in speedily and satisfactorily providing reports of the proceedings of this session which have been gratifying to our people throughout our District.

VIII. That the Railroads be heartily thanked by the Conference for reduced rates, and for special favors.

IX. *Resolved*, That we thank The Smith Premier Typewriter Co., of Baltimore, for the use of two of their machines, which have been kindly loaned for the use of our members.

W. J. NEEPIER, *Chairman.*

Report AA.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PASTOR'S BLANKS.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Of Charge,

of the Maryland Annual Conference, for the year ending 190

Membership.

Number of Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....

" Probationers on roll.....

" Full Members on roll.....

Probationers.

Number of Probationers on roll at last Conference.....	
“ “	Received during the year.....
“ , “	Elected to full membership during the year.....
“ “	Withdrawn by Certificate.....
“ “	Discontinued for cause.....
“ “	Deceased.....
“ “	Now on roll.....

Full Members.

Number of Members on roll at last Conference.....	
“	“ Received during the year from probation.....
“	“ “ “ by Certificate.....
“	“ “ “ on profession of faith.....
“	“ Withdrawn during the year by Certificate.....
“	“ Discontinued during the year for cause.....
“	“ Deceased during the year.....
“	“ Now on roll.....

Baptisms.

Number of Adults baptized during the year.....
" Children.....

Sabbath Schools.

Number of Schools.....
" Officers and Teachers.....
" New Scholars received during the year.....
" Scholars now on roll.....

Conversions.

Number of Conversions in Sabbath School.....
" " Congregation

Property.

Number of Appointments.....	.....
" Churches.....	.....
" Parsonages.....	.....
" M. P. Church Papers taken.....	.....
" M. P. Sunday-School Papers taken.....	.....
" Volumes in S. S. Library.....	.....

Value of Church Property.....

Value of Parsonage Property.....

Amount of Insurance.....

Insurance on Parsonage Property.....

Amount of Debt on Church Property.....

Rental Value of Parsonage.....

Who are your Unstationed Ministers?

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Who are your Unstationed Preachers?

(Signed)..... Pastor.

Examined and Passed:

Of Committee on Official Reports.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of..... Charge
of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church,
for the year ending..... 190...

General Interests.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
For President's Salary.....		
" Incidental Expenses of Conference...		
" Ministerial Education.....		
" Theological Seminary.		
" Superannuates.....		
" Church Extension....		
" General Home Missions.		
" Foreign Missions.....		
Total.....		

Additional Contributions to General Interests.

Special for Foreign Missions—From Sabbath Schools.....		
" Children's Day.....		
" W. F. M. Society.....		
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For Bible Cause.....		
" Tract Cause.....		
" Aged People's Home.....		
Total amount of Money Raised for General Interests.....		

Local Interests.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
For Pastor's Salary.....		
" Rent of Parsonage.....		
" Other Current Expenses, (such as Fuel, Sexton, etc.) ..		
" Sabbath School Expenses.....		
" Building and Improvements.....		
" Church, and Parsonage, Debt.....		
Total amount of Money Raised for Local Interests.....		

*Reports to the**Miscellaneous.*

(Under this head insert any Special Contributions, such as General Conference Expenses, Evangelist, Christian Endeavor Society Expenses, Special Contributions to any of the General Interests, etc., etc.)

For	\$	
"	\$	
"	\$	
"	\$	
"	\$	

Total am't of Money Raised for Miscellaneous Purposes, \$

Recapitulation.

Total Amount of Money Raised for General Interests.....	\$	
" " " " Local Interests	\$	
" " " " Miscellaneous Purposes, \$		

Total amount of Money Raised on the Charge, during
the year, for all Purposes,.....\$

Signed..... *Pastor.*

Compared with Envelopes, and found correct:

Conference Steward.

Examined and Passed :

..... *Chairman of Committee on Official Character.*

N. B.—Reports must be in not later than Thursday evening following the opening of Conference.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR REPORT

Of..... Charge,
of the Maryland Annual Conference, for the year ending..... 190 ,

Number of Societies.....

Members—
Junior—Active,..... Associate,..... Honorary

Y. P. S. C. E.—Active,..... Associate,..... Honorary,.....

Senior—Active,..... Associate,..... Honorary,.....

Number of Meetings held.....

Amount contributed.....

How much for Foreign Missions ?.....

Conversions in the Societies ?.....

Name of Corresponding Secretary.....

Name of Junior Superintendents...

(Signed)..... *Pastor.*

Examined and passed :

Chairman of Committee on Official Reports.

PERSONAL REPORT.

Pastor of Charge,
of the Maryland Annual Conference, for the Year ending 190 .

1. What relation do you desire?
2. When did you reach your appointment?
3. When did you leave it?
4. How long have you been absent during the year?
5. Has your associate been exemplary?
6. Has he been useful?
7. Has the Superannuate co-operated with you?
8. Has the Supernumerary co-operated with you?
9. How many new subscribers to THE METHODIST PROTESTANT have you obtained this year?
10. Have the Pastors and Stewards done what they could to furnish Disciples for all members received this year?
11. Has the Board of Trustees been incorporated? ..
If not, why?

(Signed)..... Pastor.....

Examined and passed: Of Committee on Official Reports.

Pastors, by order of the Conference, will fill up the following Certificate immediately upon the Election of Delegate; detach it, and send it to the Secretary of the Annual Conference. Be sure that it is signed by both the Chairman and Secretary of the Quarterly Conference, or the Membership Meeting:

This is to Certify, That

was duly elected a Delegate to the Annual Conference of the Maryland District, to sit in

on the.....day of.....190.....
by the....., of the.....
.....Charge.

..... was chosen Alternate.

..... Chairman.

....., Secretary.

Dated,

*Reports to the***Report BB.****REPORT OF SUPERANNUATE FUND STEWARD.**

	<i>Allowed.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Rev. L. W. Bates.....	\$400 00	\$310 80
“ W. A. Crouse.....	200 00	155 40
“ H. C. Cushing.....	300 00	233 10
“ H. J. Day.....	150 00	116 55
“ J. W. Everist.....	100 00	77 70
“ W. G. Holmes.....	175 00	135 98
“ J. L. Killgore.....	400 00	310 80
“ R. L. Lewis.....	350 00	271 95
“ W. J. D. Lucas.....	375 00	291 38
“ Jesse Shreeve.....	400 00	310 80
“ S. B. Southerland.....	550 00	427 35
“ J. G. Sullivan.....	200 00	155 40
“ J. A. Weigand.....	350 00	271 95
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	125 00	97 13
“ T. M. Bryan.....	125 00	97 13
“ J. W. Charlton.....	200 00	155 40
“ C. T. Cochell.....	125 00	97 13
“ T. E. Coulbourn.....	400 00	310 80
“ W. T. Dumm.....	275 00	213 68
“ J. M. Elderdice.....	300 00	233 10
“ J. H. Ellegood.....	150 00	116 55
“ C. Eversole.....	125 00	97 13
“ S. T. Ferguson.....	350 00	271 95
“ D. N. Gilbert.....	250 00	194 25
“ Thos. Lee.....	125 00	97 13
“ W. F. Livingston.....	125 00	97 13
“ J. A. McFaden.....	175 00	135 98
“ E. R. McGregor.....	100 00	77 70
“ C. B. Middleton.....	275 00	213 68
“ H. E. Miskimmon.....	150 00	116 55
“ J. K. Nichols.....	100 00	77 70
“ J. R. Nichols.....	300 00	233 10
“ R. S. Norris.....	250 00	194 25
“ J. E. Read.....	125 00	97 12
“ John Roberts.....	250 00	194 25
“ D. A. Shermer.....	100 00	77 70
“ C. M. Thompson.....	200 00	155 40
“ S. G. Valliant.....	150 00	116 55
“ P. L. Wilson.....	125 00	97 13
Total.....	\$8,925 00	\$6,934 79

Percent. 77 7-10.

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

From Rev. L. F. Warner, Balance.....	\$ 29 44
Contribution for Special Claimants.....	11 13
Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer, Oct. 18.....	1,853 19
From Assessments.....	2,667 92
Check from T. A. Murray, Jan. 14, 1899.....	50 00
" " " " April, 1899.....	2,339 97
From Rev. J. L. Mills (for Investment).....	10 00
Membership Dues, ".....	91 00
	————— \$7,052 65

Disbursements.

Rev. Jesse Shreeve—Special Contribution.....	\$ 5 57
" R. L. Lewis, " ".....	5 57
Claimants—October Distribution..	1,874 25
" April ".....	5,060 54
T. A. Murray, Treasurer, for Investment.....	101 00
Expenses Corresponding Secretary.....	1 71
" Steward.....	4 60
	————— 7,053 24
Deficit.....	\$ 59
Balance from Rev. J. W. Everist's Estate.....	47 70
	—————
Balance in hand.....	\$ 47 11

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. LITSINGER, *Steward.*

Report CC.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools, after careful consideration, presents the following :

The Sunday School, whatever relation it might have sustained to the Christian Life at the time of Robert Raikes, or in its beginning, is at this time a vital part of the Church and its work. It is the very arms of the Church for the gathering of the children into the fold of Christ.

We are pleased to know that in some of our Sunday schools a time is set apart for the ingathering of the children of the school into the church, when they are called upon to publicly decide for Jesus and be received as members of the church. In order to further this good work, we suggest the advisability of all our schools having at least two days during the year—say in the months of June and October—to be known as Children's Ingathering or Decision Day. In order that such days be made harvest times for the saving

of the children to the Church of Christ, we recommend that at least four weeks be used in calling attention to the important occasion, from the pulpit, and urging the superintendent, officers, teachers and parents, to make the matter a subject of earnest prayer, and speak to the children of what it is, and how important that they give their young lives to the Saviour.

Inasmuch as many schools are run without system we urge the importance of all schools being organized by suitable constitution and by-laws for the systematic government of the same.

As a means of further interesting the infant department in the lesson, we recommend—in addition to our own denominational literature, which by all means should be used in all our schools—the use of the interdenominational Bible Picture Lessons, published by the Providence Lithograph Company, by the use of which, or similar object lessons, the children may be taught of Jesus through the eye to the heart.

We recommend the greatest wisdom and discretion in the selection of superintendents and teachers. These places of importance and responsibility should at all times, if possible, be filled by persons peculiarly adapted to the work, both religiously and socially.

In view of the fact that the severe winter weather interferes in many of our country charges with the regular running of the Sunday school, we recommend the "Home Department," or study of the lesson in the home, on the Sabbath, so that no links be lost out of the chain of the regular International System.

We recommend the use of our Methodist Protestant Catechism, the teaching and training of the children in a practical way along the line of all the church benevolences, so that they may grow up to be educated, liberal and broad-minded Christians, thus fitted for the advancement of our Lord's Kingdom.

We ask the President of the Conference to name through THE METHODIST PROTESTANT, for this year, chairmen for the different Sunday-School Districts, the boundaries of which are given in the report of last year, and would urge the importance and advantage to the church of these conventions being annually held.

We recommend for our charges, Circuit Conventions, some of which have been held with great interest and success to the church.

Believing as we do in the importance of saving the children to the church, we recommend that not only the physical, geographical and historical parts of the Sunday-School lesson be taught in the Sunday school, but that greatest care be used in bringing out the spiritual lesson of the text and making application of same, so as to win young souls to Jesus, which is the first and great object of Sunday-school work. "He that winneth souls is wise."

F. H. MULLINEAUX,

Chairman.

Report DD.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

	YRS
Accomac.....	Avery Donovan, 4; T.R. Woodford, 1
Alexandria.....	T. P. Revelle, 2
Alnutt Memorial.....	J. M. Holmes, 3
Amelia.....	H. C. Hall, 1
Baltimore.....	T. H. Wright, 5
Beaver Dam.....	Geo. R. Donaldson, 2
Bedford.....	A. S. Beane, 1
Belair.....	S. B. Tredway, 4; Chas. Compher, Supply.
Bethany.....	G. W. Hines, 2
Broadway.....	W. S. Hammond, 1.
Brooklyn.....	J. L. Mills, 2
Cambridge.....	G. Q. Bacchus, 3
Campbell.....	J. H. Robinson, Supply.
Caroline.....	J. McLain Brown, 1
Cecil.....	B. F. Jester, 1
Central (Washington).....	J. W. Kirk, 1
Centreville.....	F. T. Benson, 2
Chesapeake.....	C. K. McCaslin, 5
Chestertown.....	J. M. Gill, 4
Chincoteague.....	W. A. Melvin, 1
Christ (Baltimore).....	W. H. Litsinger, 4
Clayton.....	J. E. Nicholson, 3
Concord.....	G. J. Hill, 1
Conquest.....	E. S. Fooks, 1
Crisfield.....	G. W. Haddaway, 2
Crumpton.....	Elmer Simpson, 1
Cumberland.....	J. M. Yingling, 3
Deer Creek.....	H. S. Johnson, 2
Deer Park.....	W. O. Livingston, 1
Delmar.....	J. E. T. Ewell, 1
Delta.....	H. E. Nelson, 2
Denton.....	J. M. Dickey, 1
Dorchester.....	J. A. Wright, 2
Dover and Leipsic.....	N. O. Gibson, 1
East Baltimore.....	J. M. Sheridan, 5
Easton.....	W. M. Poisal, 5
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Trout, 7
Eutaw (Baltimore).....	J. L. Straughn, 1
Evergreen.....	E. P. Perry, Supply.
Fairfax.....	H. S. Leas, 1
Fairfield.....	J. W. Parris, 1
Fairview.....	Unsupplied.
Fawn Grove.....	J. T. Lassell, 4

Felton	H. L. Schlineke, 1
Finksburg.	S. W. Coe, 7
First Church (Washington).....	J. W. Gray, 3
Fox Hill	C. M. Zepp, 1
Franklin City.....	H. W. D. Johnson, 1
Frederica.....	G. J. Smith, 1
Frederick.....	G. F. Farring, 7
Georgetown, D. C.	J. D. Kinzer, 1
Georgetown, Del.....	J. H. S. Ewell, 6
Georgetown Circuit.....	G. Edwin Brown, 2
Greenwood.....	E. D. Stone, 1
Grove.....	W. B. Jedefind, 3
Hampden.....	W. J. Neepier, 3
Harper's Ferry.....	J. H. Daugherty, 1
Harrington.	W. S. Phillips, 1
Holly Run	G. R. Hodge, 2
Howard	W. D. Litsinger, 2
Hurlocks	G. M. Clayton, 4
Jefferson.....	W. M. Strayer, 8
Kempton.....	C. M. Cullom, 2
Kennedyville.....	Louis Randall, 1
Kent Island.....	C. E. McCullough, 1
Indian River.....	D. L. Johnson, Supply.
Laurel	F. C. Klein, 5
Lawsonia.....	T. B. Pepper, Supply.
Lewistown	H. L. Murphy, Supply.
Liberty.....	W. J. Floyd, 2
Lisbon	B. P. Truitt, 4
Lynchburg	E. A. Warfield, 5
Mardela	A. J. Walter, 1
Mariners.....	L. A. Bennett, 3
Middleway.....	A. H. Green, 2
Millville	B. F. Ruley, 1
Milton	H. E. Bennington, 1
Mt. Nebo	F. S. Cain, 2
Mt. Tabor.....	Emanuel Pearce, 2
Newark, N. J.....	L. R. Dyott, 10
New Market	S. F. Cassen, 4
Nichols' Memorial.....	A. A. Bichell, 1
North Baltimore	F. H. Lewis, 1
North Carolina Avenue (Washington).....	A. N. Ward, 1
Oak Grove and Prince George.....	A. A. Harryman, 2
Oxford	S. J. Smith, 1
Patapsco.....	W. S. Simms, Supply.
Payson-Street (Baltimore).....	E. T. Red, 2
Pipe Creek	B. W. Kindley, 3
Pittsville	E. O. Ewing, 3

Pocomoke Circuit.....	E. B. Taylor, 1
Pocomoke City.....	D. L. Greenfield, 1
Potomac.....	J. W. Norris, 6
Powellville.....	G. A. Morris, 3
Quantico	F. L. Stevens, 1
Queen Anne's.....	C. P. Nowlin, 3
Reliance.....	H. F. Wright, 1
Remington.....	H. O. Keen, 5
Rowlandville.....	J. E. Maloy, 6
Salisbury.....	L. F. Warner, 4
Salem.....	R. K. Lewis, 4
Seaford.....	J. W. Balderston, 1
Snow Hill.....	Dorsey Blake, 3
South Baltimore.....	C. S. Arnett, 1
Starr (Baltimore).....	F. T. Little, 11
Stewartstown.....	J. L. Elderdice, 2
St. James'.....	E. C. Makosky, 2
St. John's (Canton)	J. L. Ward, 2
St. Luke's (Philadelphia).....	J. B. Jones, 3
St. Michael's.....	S. A. Hoblitzell, 3
Susquehanna.....	F. H. Mullineaux, 4
Sussex.....	G. R. McCready, 4
Talbot.....	C. L. Daugherty, 3
Trinity.....	D. W. Anstine, 4
Union.....	A. W. Mather, 1
Union Bridge.....	R. S. Rowe, 1
Violetsville	W. M. Jett, Supply.
Waltersville.....	C. E. Dryden, 1
Warwick.....	W. W. White, 3
Waveley	J. F. Bryan, 2
West Baltimore.....	T. O. Crouse, 1
Westminster.....	W. R. Graham, 4
Williamsport.....	E. H. Jones, Supply.
Wilmington.....	G. L. Wolff, 4
West Wilmington.....	G. H. Stocksdale, 1
Wicomico.....	F. A. Holland, 1
Wye.....	J. F. Wooden, 2

President of Western Maryland College—T. H. Lewis, 14.

President of Westminster Theological Seminary—H. L. Elderdice, 3.

Professor in Seminary—B. F. Benson, 3.

Editor of *METHODIST PROTESTANT*—F. T. Tagg, 8.

LOANED.

Board of Foreign Missions—E. H. Van Dyke, 10.

St. John's (Independent), Baltimore—J. S. Bowers, 9.

Maryland Tract Society—J. T. Murray, 10.

Superannuates—S. B. Southerland, 15; H. J. Day, 30; J. A. Weigand, 11; W. J. D. Lucas, 8; W. A. Crouse, 7; H. C. Cushing, 5; W. G. Holmes, 5; L. W. Bates, 3; Jesse Shreeve, 2; R. L. Lewis, 2; J. J. Murray, 1; C. H. Littleton, 1; A. D. Dick, 1.

Supernumeraries—E. J. Drinkhouse, David Wilson.

Left without appointment—J. G. Sullivan.

Left without appointment at his own request—G. D. Edmonston.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution 1.

WHEREAS, There is some confusion in the minds of brethren in reference to the disciplinary requirement of two records of membership—the “ Pastor’s Record ” and the “ Church Register; ” therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the Pastor’s Record should contain the names of all full members, probationers, the record of marriages, and baptisms, and be kept by the pastor. The Church Register is to contain the qualified voting membership, and should be kept by the Quarterly Conference or Membership Meeting.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolved, That the President of the Conference be, and hereby is, requested to examine Pastor’s Records and Quarterly Conference Registers and Journals, and see that they conform to the order of the Discipline.

L. W. BATES,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

Resolution 2.

Resolved, That Rule 28 be changed to read as follows:

At 10.30 o’clock, on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, and immediately thereafter the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper shall be administered.

S. J. SMITH.

Resolution 3.

WHEREAS, The third section of the Fourth Article of the Constitution contains all the law necessary for the acquisition and disposal of church property ; and, whereas, the fourth section of the General Duties of Trustees, in the Discipline, differs both in phraseology and punctuation ; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby request our Representatives to the next General Conference, to propose to that body, to so change the section in the Discipline as to make it conform to the Law in the Constitution, or to strike it out altogether as unnecessary.

L. W. BATES.

Resolution 4.

Resolved, That the Conference request Bro. S. B. Tredway to present to the Secretary for publication, the sermon preached by him at the opening session.

HUGH L. ELDERDICE.

*Reports to the***Resolution 5.**

The Committee on President's Report submit, as a partial report, the following :

We recommend the appointment of a Special Committee to consider the propriety and practicability of publishing as a tract the article appearing in the Anniversary Program, entitled, "Reasons for Organizing and Perpetuating the Methodist Protestant Church."

J. W. BALDERSTON.

Resolution 6.

Resolved, That the sermon on "The Divine Order in the Church of God," and the address on "The Methodist Protestant Idea," delivered respectively on November 13th and March 1st by Dr. T. H. Lewis in West Baltimore Station, be referred to a Special Committee, with the view to publication in pamphlet form.

J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 7.

Resolved, That the next session of The Maryland Annual Conference be held on the first Wednesday of April, 1900.

ROBERT S. ROWE.

Resolution 8.

WHEREAS, The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is a gospel of peace and good will among men, a gospel that seeks to avert war and bloodshed among nations, as well as contention and strife among individuals, and WHEREAS, We believe it to be the duty of Christians everywhere to discourage warfare, and to do all that it can to hasten the time when the sword shall be turned into the ploughshare and the spear into the pruning hook, and when nations shall know war no more; therefore be it

Resolved, That we are in hearty sympathy with the movement happily inaugurated by His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Russia, for a convention to be held in May, 1899, to consider the practicability of the disarmament of the nations, and the settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of the authorities of this government in appointing commissioners to the Peace Conference, and respectfully but earnestly urge that they may use all the influence and power of their high commission for the adoption of such measures as will best further the ends contemplated in the call of the convention.

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully call upon the President of the United States to appoint such men to this high office as may be relied upon to further this just and Christian sentiment in the convention.

F. T. TAGG.

Resolution 9.

Resolved, That the assessment for Home Missions be increased to \$1500.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 10.

Resolved, That the words "immediately after their election" be stricken out of Section 2, under Duties of Stewards, page 140 of Manual, and the words "on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock," be inserted.

J. H. S. EWELL.

Resolution 11.

Resolved, That the President be authorized to make the appointment of the preacher who shall preach the ordination sermon at the next session of the Annual Conference.

WHEREAS, *Resolved*, In view of the fact that the ordination sermon preached at this session was preached by the President of Westminster Theological Seminary, and the views therein expresssd are such as may be profitably impressed upon the mind and heart of our ministers; therefore

Resolved, That Rev. H. L. Elderdice be requested to furnish a copy of the sermon for publication in THE METHODIST PROTESTANT.

J. T. MURRAY.

Resolution 12.

Resolved, That the editor of THE METHODIST PROTESTANT shall have free access to the pulpits of all our charges in the prosecution of the work assigned to him in connection with the Book Concern.

JOHN J. MURRAY.

Resolution 13.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the admission and retention of a polygamist in the Congress of the United States is a reproach and disgrace to this country; we therefore, most respectfully request our Representatives to do all they can to prevent it.

J. M. HOLMES.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this body be instructed to send to our Representatives in Congress, a copy of this resolution.

J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 14.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that a time limit to the pastorate is desirable and that the President of the Conference be and is hereby requested to bring the matter before the ministers and churches in his official visits this year, and embody the results in his report to this Conference at its next session.

J. M. HOLMES.

Resolution 15.

I recommend that J. G. Sullivan be left without an appointment.

A. D. MELVIN.

Resolution 16.

I recommend that J. J. Murray be given a superannuated relation.

A. D. MELVIN.

Resolution 17.

For reasons good and sufficient, which it is not necessary for me to mention, but which do not in any way reflect upon the efficiency and loyalty of Bro. Edmonston, and expressing his desire, I recommend that he be left without an appointment for one year.

A. D. MELVIN.

OBITUARY.

REV. JAMES L. KILLGORE, D. D.

This name, representing for years an active, popular and able minister of the Gospel, is now to be transferred to the sacred Dead Roll of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. The undersigned members of a committee, representing the Conference, and speaking for themselves as well, with tender sensibilities make this sorrowing announcement. Delightful reminiscences crowd in upon us as we think of this true friend, beloved brother and fellow-laborer in the ecclesiastical field of our common providentially-directed choice. But we must stay the pen that is eager to record it all. In every case grief for the loved departee—the soul that has

“Climbed the great world’s altar stairs ;
That slope through darkness up to God.”

is grief eloquent of the survivors’ loss, but words for its expression are for bidden by the full heart to be diffuse. So let the many pleasant memories of James L. Killgore abide with those that loved him, and this memorial office be content with a simple fragmentary sketch of the man as he appeared in in our Conference life.

Preliminarily we may say the committee have no data touching Dr. Killgore’s early religious history. We are authorized to put his birth at Stanton, Delaware, August 24, 1832, and his death at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1898. His union with the church and his entrance into ministerial labors are dates that we have not been able to ascertain. But in 1872 he came to us, accredited by our Pennsylvania Conference, in which he had served the most prominent places, including that of the Presidency of the District. With this record he received the voice and hand of welcome among us and began his career as a Maryland Conference preacher.

Dr. Killgore was then in his prime and vigor of life. His personal presence was manly. Tall, erect, well-rounded form, indicating health and strength and all the physical elements which best equip for the itinerant’s toil. His countenance was bright and pleasing, suggesting intelligence and the faculty of winning friends. Nor were these external indications deceptive. Among preachers and people, by suavity of manner, vivacity and kindliness he soon won his way to affection and respect. But it was in the pulpit, at camp-meeting, protracted meeting, as well as in regular pastoral ministrations, he appeared at his best. There was the striking personage, the clear, distinct, resonant voice, the animated form, the glowing face, the beaming eye and the whole man, all alive with the inspiration of the Gospel. Was he always thus

at his best? I'erhaps not. Of whom can it be affirmed that he never falls below a high standard!

Dr. Killgore was in demand on special Gospel occasions. He was often availed of in church dedications, reopenings and in breaking of new ground by his denomination. He was an able preacher of the evangelist and revival type. His great success as such was achieved at various places and particularly at Alexandria and Hampden.

But the end has come. Seven years ago, he having been severely nervously stricken, superannuation became inevitable, and the previously active, vigorous, strong man became helpless as a little child. Subsequently realizing something of this former physical ability, and deeming it expedient he returned to Pennsylvania, selecting as his residence Wilkesbarre. While there he gladly availed himself of his improved condition by occasional efforts for the success of the church; his appearance in the pulpit being always hailed with delight by his old friends. But the end of this also came. Once more he was stricken and this time fatally; passing as we confidently trust, to the mansions of endless bliss. The last distinguishable words whispered by his dying lips indicated the tenor of his thoughts. He caught up and repeated the echo of this beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Probably one of his favorite texts, or at least a passage of previous frequent comforting meditations.

How calm and restful to recall and repeat at such a time the blessedness pronounced upon the humble and lowly! Besides, what could be more self-assuring when entering the valley of the shadow of death than the clear remembrance and confident appropriation of a benediction so divine. "Poor in spirit," yet rich in heirship of the heavenly kingdom.

The mortal remains of our brother, after funeral solemnities conducted by several Pennsylvania ministers, were interred at Muncy. A large family, wife and children, survive to realize the deepest sorrow of all who mourn Dr. Killgore's departure.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*

June 13, 1898.

IN MEMORIAM—REV. JOHN W. EVERIST.

"The chamber where the good man meets his fate,
Is privileged beyond the common walk
Of virtuous life, quite on the verge of heaven."

In its personnel the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church has been poorer on earth and richer in heaven since the 22d day of August last. For it was then that the pure spirit of one of the real nobility among men, in the person of John Wesley Everist, gave a final farewell to the world below and a triumphant greeting to the world above. His farewell had the responsive tribute of sorrow's loving anguished tears, his greeting the rapturous welcome of heaven's outburst of exulting joy.

Brother beloved! now realizing immortality, in thought we follow thee to the dazzling spheres of God; see thee crowned by thy Saviour, Christ.

This Conference Committee knew John W. Everist well, some of us knew him very intimately for nearly sixty years, and we are therefore prepared to speak intelligently and with the confidence of a strong assurance.

Probably, to many of our Conference, the portrait which in justice to its subject and also to the church, we are now to outline, may prove to be something of a surprise. The younger men among us, it is likely, but little knew that in the seclusion of a Talbot county farmhouse, which to our dearly beloved brother was a sweet retreat for a length of years, a life was passing that had signally blessed the earlier Conference and the Church by the royalty of a consecrated Gospel ministry; a life that, in Christian virtues and usefulness, had peership with the distinguished fathers and eldest sons of our ecclesiastical organization. Age and infirmities had made the presence of Brother Everist of rare occurrence for a number of our annual assemblies. The roll call was the only reminder to some of the brethren that one of the absentees was named J. W. Everist. To a few of us, who had known that name when it represented a prominent figure in our Conference circle, the silence ensuing the call, session after session, for years together, awoke tender memories, mingled with sadness at the thought that the activities of such an excellent life had come to a termination.

John W. Everist was a native of Harford county, Md., date of birth October 22, 1810. He was reared in rural life. At an early age he attended a meeting, and there knelt as a penitent at the altar of prayer, but was not comforted, and on his way home knelt again in a wood through which he was passing, and there, like Jacob of old, wrestled with the Angel of the Covenant, nor ceased his struggling till he had triumphantly prevailed. The Angel the God-man, "blessed him there." And of that happy experience he never afterward doubted.

When about reaching manhood, the Spirit of the Lord called the young man, like another Elisha at the plow, the instrumental Elijah in the case being President Eli Henkle. If the ancient foretelling prophet's mantle was absent in the interview between the Conference President and his appointee to itinerant work, that the modern preaching prophet's divine call was the chief factor could not be questioned, Brother Everist's whole subsequent life of ministerial consecration and successful labors was in demonstration.

A man of fine natural faculties, in the absence of early academic advantages, industrious, self-mental training, stored his susceptibility with general intelligence and most creditable attainments in theology and in polite literature as well. He was a well-read man. The beautiful in the natural world, especially the floral kingdom, had charms for his leisure hours and refined taste; appreciating and also interpreting the poet's religious sentiment:

Wondrous truths and manifold as wondrous,
God hath written in the stars above;
But not less in the bright flowers under us,
Stands the revelation of His love.

But while native humility and modesty may have had concealments of what he really was in the domains of the intellect and culture, those of us who

were honored by his intimacy and confidence can freely award his memory this brotherly panegyric.

Brother Everist was an excellent preacher—practical, earnest, instructive. In obedience to the tabernacle command, it was “beaten oil,” careful pulpit preparations, that he brought into the sanctuary. His pulpit was pervaded by a spiritual atmosphere, and next to the intrinsic attributes of the truth enunciated by this divinely-commissioned man, his own personality was the emphasis and the power of his preaching. To know him was a vast advantage to those who heard him—the gentle, gracious, sweet-spirited man and brother.

To be close to John W. Everist, to blend with him in congeniality and mutual confidence, was a benediction. This is the testimony of one of this committee, speaking representatively, he doubts not also for his associates. Precious memories of our now glorified friend come trooping up through all the long distance behind of more than half a century. The flower that blossomed long in our social parterre has faded and fallen into the grave, but the warm spring sun of the resurrection will blossom it afresh to fade no more forever, and meantime the original fragrance, untouched by death, lingers above the tomb.

Brother Everist was very happily united in marriage during his active ministry. The lady who became his wife was the widowed mother of the late Judge Ormond Hammond. Sister Everist was a charming personage, a sweet, saintly woman, possessing attractive, social graces, and rare religious gifts. She could, and oftentimes did, effectually supplement sermons by tender, devout and all-prevailing prayer. In the public congregation, amid camp-meeting multitudes, her voice in prayer, clear, sweet and full of womanly tenderness, would attract the listless crowd on the outskirts of the seated circle, drawing them near in subdued and reverent silence, while all present were thrilled by the suppliant’s faith and fervor at the mercy seat. She and Brother Everist were set to each other like perfect music unto a genialty of Christian consecration and service. To his deep affliction, our brother’s wife, a jewel both of God and himself, at the age of forty-four, January 7, 1850, was called away for all time from the devoted husband’s side. And for the residue of his life, a period of nearly forty years, he walked alone, wedded to her memory as sacredly as he had been to her living self.

The standard of John W. Everist in the Maryland Conference was emphatically pronounced when he was chosen by popular vote the presidential successor of one of the ablest incumbents of the chief office during the whole history of the body: the Rev. Dr. John S. Reese, whose distinguished abilities and character had elevated him from among other prominent and gifted men to the chair for three full successive constitutional terms.

Public traveling facilities in those early days were far from what they are now, and President Everist traveled the entire Conference District, plains, valleys, mountains in his own conveyance; having many a long and lonely ride, but ever cheered by the work—“the care of all the churches”—with which his brethren, under divine Providence, had entrusted and honored him.

Touching the ministry, Brother Everist's Conference career was a fine illustration of our equalizing denominational polity. First, he was an assistant preacher on a circuit; then in charge of circuits; then in various city stations; then President of the Conference; then, being by providential situation restricted to a particular locality, an assistant again on a circuit, going back officially whence he started. And in this latter position, to his praise, there was conspicuously absent the conception of dignity that would decline a humble position after having filled the highest in the Conference. And so, under successive chief pastors, he was content to take even a second place as an assistant. In this relation he served under the writer. It humbled me that, even in a technical sense, John W. Everist, the loving pastor and exemplar in my early religious life, my introducer to the pulpit ere I was licensed by the church—he assuming the responsibility—that he, associated in joint labors with me, should be in lower official rank. While the arrangement may have been justified by existing circumstances, it seemed to me a marvel. But his lower rank was only an accidental stamp, “the man was the man for a’ that.”

Brother Everist was admitted by the Conference in 1832, and after thirty-five years of active service, the earlier part of it laborious as none of the present Conference have ever known, he superannuated. For a few years he dwelt alone on a small farm of his own. Subsequently, his health beginning to fail, he accepted a proffered home with his step-son and family at “Solitude.” There he saw successively the gentle mistress and the honored master of his new home pass to the spirit-world, leaving to his loving care the broken circle of the more than ever endeared household. And there, loving and being loved with the tenderest and truest reciprocal affection, he ended his remaining years. He was only a step-grandfather, but to know what that relationship really was in parental care and filial devotion it was necessary to be well acquainted with John W. Everist and the children of Judge Hammond.

In reply to a request for a pulpit manuscript as a souvenir of our departed brother, Miss Charlotte Hammond writes: “A year or two ago he destroyed all his manuscripts. When I objected he hesitated a moment, saying: ‘I dislike to burn some of them on account of the association and the prayerful communion with God in my effort to make them, but it is best to destroy them all, as they will be of no further use.’” Probably he was mistaken. Lacking his personality in the delivery, his sermons on paper, like those of any other preacher of his class, would be more or less shorn of strength. But Brother Everist was ever fresh in thought, and his devout, prayerful study of the Sacred Word gave him spiritual insight and made his written expositions of value as contributions to Scriptural exegesis. But age and infirmities had made these breathing thoughts and burning words useless to him—he could no longer preach, and so, undervaluing their possible worth to others, the manuscripts redolent of interesting associations and prayerful communings were destroyed.

The resident pastor thus speaks particularly of Brother Everist's eventide of life:

"What a grand man he was! A perfect gentleman, and a Christian in every sense of that word; gentle as a child, amiable, meek in spirit. It was a real pleasure and treat to be in his company. His declining years seemed to sweeten more and more the beautiful life of the venerable man; and as life's sunset came on apace, the transition to the dawn was as calm and peaceful as a shadow thrown gently from a passing cloud. He felt that his work was done, that he had nothing to do but to die and pass over the river to the 'home over there.' So anxious was he that the end should come he would count the days, and at the close of each would say, '*One day more nearer home.*' Drawing nearer to that home, he seemed to hurry toward it. It is said the caravan moves faster over the sands when word is passed along the file that water is in sight. This had a happy resemblance when Brother Everist lay dying. Many of his advance pilgrim throng had sent back words of cheer, and God himself announced the presence of 'living fountains of water' just beyond. This was enough for ardent desire. By faith the triumphant traveler, sighting the flowing streams, would fain have quickened his pace in their direction through the remaining stretches of desert."

A voice from the death-chamber: "He was conscious to the very last heart-beat." Oh, tell us, angels of heaven, what was the consciousness of the first heart-beat over there!

With his last words he commended his spirit to God, and mingled with his prayers blessings upon the loved ones whose hearts were well nigh breaking as he was vanishing from their sight down the valley of the shadow of death. The anguished ones, the charming daughters of Judge Hammond, had been so attentive to him, so untiring in loving ministrations at his couch of decline: and now that he has followed into the mysterious spirit-realms their mother and father, they are thrown exclusively upon God's infinite grace and pity. The old armchair on the porch, so eloquent of him, and every object of his accustomed presence while living, is now a dreary blank. One of the daughters, writing the committee, says: "His loving care of us was almost a mother's in its tender thoughtfulness." That loving care of those in the home that looked up to him for counsel and example was characteristic of the man. It had exemplification to all related to him in the broad field of his ministerial career. So true he was to his Christian instincts, so faithful in all his spheres; in a word, so illustrative of the nobility whose letters-patent have the seal and signature of God. His goodness no one could doubt. And

"'Tis only noble to be good."

Brother Everist's last hours, as previously referred to, were beautifully harmonious with his preceding life. Calm, confident, Christian; the culmination of a long life's heavenward aspirations and consecrated powers. On the verge of heaven, he talked of heaven. He was anxious to go, but not impatient. His resignation to the divine ruling was perfect. "Just as God wills," he said. The attending physician, a deeply impressed auditor, could not refrain his admiration. To the family he tenderly remarked: "It is but seldom in all my practice that I have met with such lovely submission to the will of God."

To the loved ones of the home the dying saint often talked of the friends on the other side and the glorious meeting with them there. That was his confident anticipation. That it is now "his full realization I am sure," testifies one of the bereaved household, "for he walked with God."

As surviving kindred, Brother Everist has left a sister and seven step-grandchildren.

The funeral services, in charge of the resident pastor, Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, were conducted August 23rd, at "Solitude," in the presence of a large concourse. Appropriate addresses were made by Brother Hoblitzell and Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., and prayer offered by Rev. L. G. Martin, of Royal Oak, Methodist Episcopal Church South. The grave is beside that of the long deceased wife in the old burying ground of the estate, "where, amid the flowers, the shade of the willow, and the song of birds, mingled with the murmur of the tide of the stream hardby, the body will repose until the resurrection morn."

In the name of the Conference, and for ourselves personally, we would garnish that grave with the greenest laurel, and inscribe it with the epitaph which a distinguished minister across the sea (Dean Alford) piously and triumphantly indited for his own grave:

"An inn of a traveler on his way to Jerusalem."

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *Chairman.*

October 1, 1898.

MRS. MAGGIE E. McCULLOUGH.

On May 3rd, 1898, in the presence of a large concourse of people at Poplar Springs Methodist Protestant Church, I performed the sad and unexpected service of preaching the funeral of Sister Maggie E. McCullough, the beloved wife of Rev. C. E. McCullough, and amid tears and subdued grief we laid her away in the cemetery adjoining the church. Her spirit took its flight to her heavenly home on the 1st day of May, at the age of thirty-five years, eleven months and four days. She was converted and joined church at Poplar Springs in 1889, during the pastorate of the late Dr. J. L. Killgore, and at once became interested and actively engaged in church work. Sister McCullough was raised up in the Methodist Protestant Church. Her father, Mr. David Burnette, was instrumental in building the church at Poplar Springs, and through all her early years she was trained up in this church, and taught to love the church and work in it. Shortly after her conversion in 1890, she was married to Brother McCullough and became to him a true helpmeet in the ministry. Sister McCullough did not live long, but she lived well. A devoted Christian, a true and loving wife and mother, she left behind a memory that is fragrant with many tender and blessed associations. Those who knew her best loved her most, and speak in highest terms of her worth and work. Rev. G. W. Haddaway, who was associated with Brother McCullough on an adjoining charge for several years, and who was intimately acquainted with her for eight years, says: "Mrs. McCullough was a sincere

Christian woman, always kind, courteous, self-sacrificing and of very attractive manners. I remember very well, indeed, how universally popular she was on the charges Brother McCullough served during our acquaintance. Not one word did I ever hear concerning our sister that was not complimentary in the highest degree. Perfectly devoted was her life to her God, husband and children, and, as far as her health permitted, to the people whom her husband served." Dr. J. D. Kinzer, who visited her home during the five years of his Presidency, says: "I believe Sister McCullough was a sincere Christian. She was a bright, interesting woman, making it very pleasant for those who visited her home." Sister McCullough's social qualities were of the very highest character, and nowhere were these more beautifully employed than in her home, which she thus made while her health and strength remained a source of joy and pleasure to all associated with her. For several years previous to her death she was very frail and delicate, and most of the time was under the immediate care of a physician, and though a great sufferer, quietly endured her affliction and struggled bravely against her physical infirmities. During her last illness she was in the full possession of her mental faculties, and when death came she was ready. With calm resignation she committed her soul to a faithful Creator, and with full assurance of a life of reward in heaven, passed peacefully away. There are many who mourn her loss. Three small children will miss the loving touch of her vanished hand. Her husband feels and mourns her loss most deeply, almost "refusing to be comforted because she is not," and yet "sorrows not as others who have no hope." May the blessed Comforter sustain all the bereaved ones and lead them safely through life and reunite them in heaven.

"Where she hath gone
We, too, some day will go, if God so will,
And while transcendent rapture thus us thrill,
Our souls shall meet, redeemed, yet loving still,
Where she hath gone."

B. P. TRUITT.



**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL
TABLES.**



Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	Bible.	Tract.	CONFER'CE.		MIN. EDU'N.		THE. SEM'Y.		SUPERAN'TES.	
				Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	Accomac.....	.50	.50	\$3.00	\$3.00	5.00	\$5.00	16.00	\$19.00	34.00	\$34.00
2	Alexandria. . .	.50	.50	4.00	3.00	6.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	42.00	32.50
3	Alnutt Memor'l.	5.00	8.64	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	43.00	86.00	86.00
4	Amelia.....	.10	.10	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	7.00	25.00	10.00
5	Baltimore.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	18.00
6	Beaver Dam.....	.15	.....	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	1.00	14.00	2.00
7	Bedford.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	20.00	10.00	42.00	3.75
8	Belair.....	3.55	.26	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	20.00	13.00	42.00	22.00
9	Bethany.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.50	8.00	3.00	17.00	8.00
10	Bethel.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	4.00	.....	8.00	.....
11	Broadway.....	.50	.35	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
12	Brocklyn.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	10.00	25.00	20.00
13	Cambridge.....	.50	.50	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	20.00	15.00	42.00	25.00
14	Campbell.....	.10	.10	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
15	Caroline.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	12.00	42.00	25.00
16	Cecil.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	23.00	42.00	25.00
17	Central.....	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00
18	Centreville.....	.50	.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	41.00	34.00	34.00
19	Chesapeake.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	17.00	30.00	30.00
20	Chestertown...	9.81	10.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	35.00	68.00	68.00
21	Chincoteague ..	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	17.00	17.00
22	Christ's Church.	.25	.25	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00
23	Clayton.....	2.50	.75	3.00	2.50	5.00	3.60	16.00	16.00	34.00	24.48
24	Concord.....	.....	.....	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	8.00	34.00	6.00
25	Conquest.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	12.00	30.00	20.00
26	Crisfield.....	1.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	24.00	24.00	51.00	51.00
27	Crumpton.....	.25	.50	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	6.00	21.00	11.00
28	Cumberland.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.25	5.00	2.50	14.00	14.00	30.00	3.00
29	Deer Creek.....	1.00	.49	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	13.00	21.00	13.08
30	Deer Park.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	12.00	7.00	25.00	5.00
31	Delmar.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	12.00	34.00	15.00
32	Delta.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	8.00	30.00	15.00
33	Dorchester.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
34	Dover.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	10.00
35	East Baltimore.	3.00	9.67	5.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	33.00	59.00	50.00
36	Easton.....	*\$225.00	†210.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	59.00	59.00
37	Elizabeth.....	5.00	9.00	5.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	28.00	28.00	59.00	59.00
38	Eutaw.....	1.03	3.65	3.00	1.50	5.00	3.00	14.00	10.50	30.00	24.30
39	Evergreen.....	.15	.15	1.00	.60	2.00	1.25	4.00	2.00	8.00	2.17
40	Fairfax.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
41	Fairview.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	6.00	.....	14.00	.....
42	Fawn Grove...	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	16.00	7.00	34.00	13.50
43	Felton.....	.25	.25	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	6.00

* \$200 of this amount was contributed by Mrs. T. A. Reese.

† \$200 was contributed by Mrs. T. A. Reese, and \$10 by Gen. Richard Thomas.

For the Year Ending April, 1899.

No.	CHUR. EXTEM.		G. HOME MIS.		FOREIGN MIS.		Special for Foreign Missions.	PRES'T'S SAL.		'TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
1	\$35.00	\$35.00	10.00	\$10.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$60.39	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$147.00	\$211.39
2	44.00	40.00	12.50	12.50	30.00	15.00	74.93	25.00	25.00	183.50	218.93
3	88.00	88.00	25.00	25.00	60.00	60.00	269.68	50.00	50.00	370.00	656.32
4	26.00	12.00	7.50	4.00	18.00	2.00	14.00	15.00	15.25	109.50	67.45
5	32.00	10.00	9.00	5.00	22.00	5.00	15.33	18.00	18.00	133.00	83.33
6	14.00	3.00	4.00	1.00	10.00	5.00	.....	8.00	6.50	60.00	20.65
7	44.00	4.00	12.50	3.00	30.00	2.00	2.67	25.00	25.00	183.50	55.42
8	44.00	24.00	12.50	6.50	30.00	17.65	22.63	25.00	25.00	183.50	139.59
9	18.00	8.00	5.00	2.50	12.00	8.00	13.50	10.00	10.00	75.00	56.50
10	9.00	.....	2.50	.....	6.00	.....	.....	5.00	2.50	37.50	2.50
11	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	162.85
12	26.00	20.00	7.50	4.00	18.00	5.07	9.00	15.00	15.00	109.50	89.07
13	44.00	26.00	12.50	5.00	30.00	5.00	55.52	25.00	25.00	183.50	162.52
14	18.00	18.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	.....	10.00	10.00	75.00	75.20
15	44.00	23.00	12.50	6.00	30.00	.....	24.00	25.00	25.00	183.50	124.00
16	44.00	25.00	12.50	10.00	30.00	30.00	45.00	25.00	25.00	183.50	193.00
17	44.00	44.00	12.50	12.50	30.00	30.00	74.03	25.00	25.00	183.50	257.53
18	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00	45.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	218.00
19	32.00	32.00	9.00	9.00	22.00	17.00	39.93	18.00	18.00	133.00	172.93
20	72.00	72.00	20.00	20.00	48.00	48.00	28.00	40.00	40.00	296.00	346.81
21	18.00	15.00	5.00	4.00	12.00	7.00	16.00	10.00	10.00	75.00	81.00
22	9.00	9.00	2.50	2.50	6.00	6.00	20.50	5.00	5.00	37.50	58.50
23	35.00	25.20	10.00	7.20	24.00	12.26	18.86	20.00	20.00	147.00	133.35
24	35.00	7.00	10.00	6.10	24.00	5.00	25.28	20.00	20.00	147.00	84.33
25	32.00	26.00	9.00	8.00	22.00	3.00	43.04	18.00	18.00	133.00	138.04
26	53.00	53.00	15.00	15.00	36.00	36.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	222.00	219.00
27	21.00	12.00	6.00	3.00	14.00	6.00	21.10	12.00	10.85	88.00	72.70
28	32.00	5.00	9.00	5.00	22.00	.....	10.00	18.00	18.00	133.00	60.75
29	21.00	19.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	9.00	4.95	12.00	12.00	88.00	82.52
30	26.00	5.00	7.50	6.00	18.00	.....	18.00	15.00	15.00	109.50	60.50
31	35.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	24.00	14.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	98.00
32	32.00	12.35	9.00	5.00	22.00	.....	12.38	18.00	18.00	133.00	87.73
33	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00	20.07	20.00	20.00	147.00	169.07
34	18.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	12.00	10.00	18.96	10.00	10.00	75.00	73.96
35	61.00	50.00	17.50	17.50	42.00	33.57	107.85	35.00	35.00	256.50	353.59
36	61.00	200.00	17.50	11.50	42.00	35.00	40.50	35.00	35.00	256.50	858.00
37	61.00	61.00	17.50	17.50	42.00	68.27	75.58	35.00	35.00	256.50	372.30
38	32.00	34.00	9.00	6.00	22.00	.....	26.97	18.00	18.00	133.00	118.95
39	9.00	2.50	2.50	1.50	6.00	1.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	37.50	21.82
40	18.00	18.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	12.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	75.00	82.00
41	14.00	.....	4.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	60.00	.....
42	35.00	14.00	10.00	4.00	24.00	5.00	31.25	20.00	20.00	147.00	103.75
43	32.00	10.00	9.00	5.00	22.00	.....	22.50	18.00	16.50	133.00	77.50

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.			CONFER'CE.		MIN. EDU'N.		THEOL. SEM'Y.		SUP'A'TES.	
		Bible.	Tract.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
44	Finksburg.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
45	First Ch., D.C.	1.00	1.50	4.00	3.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	19.00	42.00	20.00
46	Fox Hill.....	.50	.50	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	3.00
47	Franklin City..	.75	.75	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	4.00	34.00	18.00
48	Frederica.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	2.00	17.00	1.00
49	Frederick.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	11.00	34.00	22.00
50	Geo'town, D.C.	5.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	43.00	86.00	86.00
51	Geo'town, Del. ....	.50	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	21.00
52	Geo'town Cir't. ....	.50	1.25	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00
53	Greenwood.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	15.00
54	Grove.....	.50	.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	30.00
55	Hampden.....	1.50	1.60	5.00	6.00	8.00	9.10	24.00	27.00	51.00	51.00
56	Harper's Ferry.	1.00	.86	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	9.50
57	Harrington.....	1.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	20.00
58	Heathsville....	3.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	19.35
59	Holly Run.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	5.00
60	Howard.....	1.00	1.35	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	14.00	22.00	30.00
61	Hurlock.....	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	11.00	17.00	13.00
62	Indian River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.26
63	Jefferson.....	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	32.00	68.00	68.00
64	Kempton.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	14.00	14.00	30.00	18.00
65	Kennedyville ..	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00
66	Kent Island.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	14.00	12.00	30.00	15.00
67	Laurel, Del....	5.06	.50	5.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	24.00	39.60	53.00	22.35
68	Leipsic.....	.25	.25	2.00	.50	2.00	1.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	2.50
69	Lewistown.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	2.00	.....	6.00	.....	14.00	.....
70	Liberty.....	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
71	Lisbon.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	23.00	42.00	42.00
72	Lynchburg.....	1.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	10.00	42.00	12.00
73	Mardela .....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.50	8.00	8.00	17.00	8.00
74	Mariner's.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	16.00	8.00	34.00	18.00
75	Marley.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	3.00	21.00	5.00
76	Middleway.....	.25	.25	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	6.00
77	Millville.....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	8.00	2.50	17.00	6.00
78	Milton.....	1.00	.70	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	8.00
79	Mt. Nebo.....	.28	.25	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	6.20	21.00	1.40
80	Mt. Tabor.....	.50	.50	3.00	2.25	5.00	4.00	16.00	11.00	34.00	34.00
81	N. Baltimore...	1.50	1.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00
82	N.C.Ave., Wash.	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	15.00
83	Newark	3.00	1185	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	40.00	86.00	70.00
84	New Market....	.75	1.00	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	23.50
85	Oak Grove.....	.50	.50	2.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	12.00	9.25	25.00	13.00
86	Oxford	1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	31.45	34.00	34.00

For the Year Ending April, 1899.

No.	CH. EXTEM.		GENERAL HOME MISS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		Special for Foreign Miss'ns.	PRES'T'S SAL.		TOTAL.	
	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.
44	\$35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00	64.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	213.00
45	44.00	18.00	12.50	8.00	30.00	4.00	54.42	25.00	25.00	183.50	157.92
46	1.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	8.50	.....	5.00	.....	26.50
47	35.00	17.00	10.00	2.00	24.00	4.00	42.66	20.00	20.00	147.00	114.16
48	18.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	12.00	10.00	10.20	10.00	7.50	75.00	31.70
49	35.00	23.00	10.00	6.00	24.00	15.00	145.32	20.00	20.00	147.00	248.32
50	88.00	88.00	25.00	25.00	60.00	60.00	218.20	50.00	50.00	370.00	601.20
51	21.00	21.00	6.00	6.00	14.00	14.00	29.23	12.00	12.00	88.00	118.73
52	18.00	18.00	5.00	5.00	12.00	3.60	7.50	10.00	10.00	75.00	75.85
53	32.00	24.00	9.00	9.00	22.00	12.40	1.60	18.00	18.00	133.00	96.00
54	32.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	22.00	1.87	43.13	18.00	18.00	133.00	133.00
55	53.00	53.00	15.00	15.00	36.00	10.00	84.19	30.00	30.00	222.00	288.39
56	32.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	22.00	6.00	8.25	18.00	18.00	133.00	71.61
57	35.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	24.00	10.00	42.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	142.00
58	44.00	19.00	12.50	7.00	30.00	17.00	60.80	25.00	25.00	183.50	179.15
59	26.00	5.00	7.50	3.00	18.00	5.00	2.00	15.00	10.00	109.50	38.00
60	32.00	32.00	9.00	9.00	22.00	22.00	8.00	18.00	18.00	133.00	143.35
61	18.00	11.00	5.00	1.00	12.00	6.25	18.75	10.00	10.00	75.00	76.00
62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.57	.....	5.00	.....	16.80
63	72.00	72.00	20.00	20.00	48.00	48.00	19.85	40.00	40.00	296.00	285.35
64	32.00	20.00	9.00	3.00	22.00	5.00	12.00	18.00	18.00	133.00	97.00
65	26.00	10.00	7.50	5.00	18.00	10.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	109.50	100.50
66	32.00	16.00	9.00	6.00	22.00	5.00	23.00	18.00	18.00	133.00	103.00
67	55.00	37.38	16.00	16.00	40.00	40.00	95.60	32.00	32.00	233.00	298.49
68	14.00	1.50	4.00	.50	10.00	1.50	10.00	8.00	8.00	60.00	28.05
69	14.00	2.25	4.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	8.00	8.00	60.00	10.25
70	35.00	30.00	10.00	9.00	24.00	24.00	69.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	188.91
71	44.00	44.00	12.50	12.00	30.00	30.00	134.04	25.00	25.00	183.50	321.04
72	44.00	4.00	12.50	5.00	30.00	12.00	86.45	25.00	25.00	183.50	163.45
73	18.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	.....	10.00	10.00	75.00	47.50
74	35.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	24.00	10.53	24.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	111.55
75	21.00	5.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	3.00	.....	12.00	12.00	88.00	35.00
76	18.00	8.00	5.00	3.00	12.00	9.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	75.00	43.50
77	18.00	6.50	5.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	.....	10.00	10.00	75.00	33.50
78	18.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	12.00	.....	8.00	10.00	10.00	75.00	41.70
79	21.00	1.25	6.00	1.00	14.00	.50	8.58	12.00	12.00	88.00	33.46
80	35.00	27.00	10.00	8.00	24.00	20.00	8.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	135.25
81	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00	69.40	20.00	20.00	147.00	209.40
82	32.00	32.00	9.00	3.00	22.00	15.00	.....	18.00	18.00	133.00	100.00
83	88.00	70.00	25.00	50.00	60.00	40.00	55.00	50.00	50.00	370.00	410.85
84	44.00	23.50	12.50	7.00	30.00	17.00	61.00	25.00	25.00	183.50	183.75
85	26.00	16.00	7.50	5.00	18.00	5.00	21.25	15.00	15.00	109.50	89.00
86	35.00	35.00	10.00	10.00	24.00	24.00	38.00	20.00	20.00	147.00	202.45

Collections for General Interests

No.	CHARGE.	CONFERENCE.			MINIS.			EDU'N.			THEOL. SEMIN'Y.			SUPERANNUATES		
		Bible.	Tract.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.	
87	Parksley .....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	17.00	8.00				
88	Patapsco...../.	.25	.25	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00					
89	Payson Street..	.30	.25	2.00	.50	3.00	1.00	8.00	1.00	17.00	3.00					
90	Pipe Creek....	5.30	5.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00					
91	Pittsville .....	.65	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	8.94	21.00	14.30				
92	Pocomoke .....	.25	.30	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	3.00	25.00	7.50				
93	Pocomoke City..	2.00	1.00	6.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	32.00	35.00	68.00	68.00					
94	Potomac	1.31	1.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	2.50	12.00	6.00	25.00	11.50					
95	Powellville.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	12.00	25.00	25.00					
96	Prince George..	.25	.25	1.00	.50	2.00	1.00	4.00	1.25	8.00	1.00					
97	Quantico.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	5.00					
98	Queen Anne's..	.75	.55	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	13.00	21.00	10.50					
99	Reliance.....	.50	.50	2.00	.50	2.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	4.00					
100	Remington.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	8.00	21.00	10.00					
101	Rowlandsburg..	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	8.00	21.00	10.00					
102	Salem.....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	10.00	21.00	21.00					
103	Salisbury.....	1.50	1.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	23.38					
104	Seaford	2.50	1.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	19.00	34.00	34.00					
105	Snow Hill	1.02	1.02	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.20	14.00	9.00	30.00	20.00					
106	South Baltimore..	.50	1.00	3.00	2.00	5.00	4.00	16.00	10.00	34.00	25.00					
107	Starr	3.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	13.00	10.00	40.00	35.00	86.00	50.00					
108	Stewartstown..	.50	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	14.00	10.00	30.00	25.00					
109	St. James'.....	1.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	23.00	42.00	42.00					
110	St. John's, Cant.	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	17.00				
111	St. Luke's.....	.50	.50	4.00	6.00	6.00	2.00	20.00	2.00	42.00	10.00					
112	St. Michael's..	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	15.00	25.00	25.00					
113	Susquehanna..	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00					
114	Sussex	1.85	.50	3.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	15.00	34.00	28.00					
115	Talbot .....	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	8.00	17.00	14.00				
116	Trinity	1.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	42.00					
117	Tyreeanna.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	4.00	.....	8.00	.....				
118	Union	2.00	1.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	42.00	20.00					
119	Union Bridge..	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	16.00	16.00	34.00	34.00				
120	Violetsville....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.00	8.00					
121	Waltersville....	.10	.10	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	12.00	32.00	25.00	25.00					
122	Warwick	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	12.00	6.00	25.00	10.00					
123	Waverly.....	.35	.35	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	6.00	4.00	14.00	8.00					
124	West Baltimore..	3.54	*153.84	8.00	8.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	65.60	86.00	89.65					
125	Westminster....	3.00	22.22	7.00	5.00	11.00	11.00	36.00	36.00	76.00	50.00					
126	Williamsport...	.20	.15	2.00	.20	2.00	.20	6.00	.25	14.00	.25					
127	Wilmington....	.50	.50	2.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	5.00	17.00	10.00					
128	W. Wilmington	.25	.25	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	3.00	14.00	5.00					
129	Wye.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	8.00	10.00	17.00	17.00					
130	St. John's, Ind..	50.00	10.79	.....	.50	.....	22.50	.....	.....	.....	80.00				
		413.74	559.34	383.00	306.30	605.00	516.35	1,890.00	1,584.14	4,013.00	2,927.67					

*\$144.00 of this amount was contributed as a special contribution by Rev. J. T. Murray, D.D.

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Collections for Local Interests and Totals for all

No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Personages.	Total Asses.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
1	Accomac	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	60.00	710.00
2	Alexandria.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	703.00	200.00	900.00
3	Alnutt Memorial..	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,500.00
4	Amelia	15.00	15.25	310.00	300.00	.....	310.00
5	Baltimore.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	465.00	175.00	675.00
6	Beaver Dam.....	8.00	6.50	350.00	309.16	48.00	498.00
7	Bedford.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	575.00	60.00	660.00
8	Belair	25.00	25.00	850.00	8	150.00	1,000.00
9	Bethany	10.00	10.00	500.00	4	.....	500.00
10	Bethel.....	5.00	2.50	25.00	25.00	.....	25.00
11	Broadway.....	20.00	20.00	625.00	625.00	240.00	865.00
12	Brooklyn	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	75.00	575.00
13	Cambridge.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	150.00	850.00
14	Campbell	10.00	10.00	320.00	320.00	.....	320.00
15	Caroline.....	25.00	25.00	900.00	700.00	75.00	975.00
16	Cecil	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	100.00	800.00
17	Central.....	25.00	25.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	420.00	1,420.00
18	Centreville.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	200.00	800.00
19	Chesapeake.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	600.00
20	Chestertown.....	40.00	40.00	1,000.00	1,050.00	250.00	1,250.00
21	Chincoteague	10.00	10.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	675.00
22	Christ's Church.....	5.00	5.00	364.00	364.00	.....	364.00
23	Clayton.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	120.00	720.00
24	Concord.....	20.00	20.00	450.00	397.73	45.00	495.00
25	Conquest.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	450.00	65.00	565.00
26	Crisfield	30.00	30.00	900.00	900.00	120.00	1,020.00
27	Crumpton.....	12.00	10.85	375.00	334.00	75.0	450.00
28	Cumberland.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	330.35	180.00	680.00
29	Deer Creek.....	12.00	12.00	325.00	315.00	75.00	400.00
30	Deer Park.....	15.00	15.00	375.00	375.00	75.00	400.00
31	Delmar.....	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	50.00	700.00
32	Delta.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	400.00	100.00	600.00
33	Dorchester.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	605.00	75.00	675.00
34	Dover.....	10.00	10.00	400.00	400.00	.....	400.00
35	East Baltimore.....	35.00	35.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,240.00
36	Easton.....	35.00	35.00	800.00	800.00	200.00	1,000.00
37	Elizabeth, N. J.....	35.00	35.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	1,200.00
38	Eutaw.....	18.00	18.00	520.00	520.00	80.00	600.00
39	Evergreen	5.00	5.00	207.00	207.00	.....	207.00
40	Fairfax.....	10.00	10.00	275.00	275.00	.....	275.00
41	Fairview.....	8.00	.....	300.00	210.00	.....	300.00
42	Fawn Grove.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	50.00	650.00
43	Felton.....	18.00	16.50	400.00	400.00	.....	400.00
44	Finksburg.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	700.00

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1899.

No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	710.00	175.00	2,400.00	.....	.....	3,350.00	191.39	3,496.39		
2	903.00	992.28	94.52	100.00	.....	2,114.80	193.93	2,308.73		
3	1,500.00	350.00	.....	.....	1,090.94	1,900.00	606.32	4,097.26		
4	300.00	18.00	.....	10.00	2.00	343.25	52.20	397.20		
5	640.00	100.00	225.00	.....	8.00	983.00	83.33	1,074.33		
6	357.16	24.97	90.25	.....	.....	478.88	14.15	493.03		
7	635.00	75.00	132.00	.....	9.00	867.00	30.42	906.42		
8	1,000.00	440.00	.....	200.00	25.00	1,665.00	114.59	1,804.59		
9	495.00	269.00	.....	.....	.....	754.00	46.50	800.50		
10	25.00	20.00	770.00	.....	.....	817.50	.....	817.50		
11	865.00	675.00	1,525.00	500.00	5.00	3,585.00	142.85	3,732.85		
12	575.00	174.48	75.00	1,790.00	5.00	2,629.48	74.07	2,708.55		
13	850.00	275.00	100.00	100.00	.....	1,350.00	137.52	1,487.52		
14	320.00	.....	30.00	.....	1.00	360.00	65.20	426.20		
15	775.00	400.00	3,100.00	1,850.00	.....	6,150.00	99.00	6,249.00		
16	800.00	220.00	200.00	25.00	10.00	1,270.00	168.00	1,448.00		
17	1,420.00	303.89	.....	.....	.....	1,328.89	232.53	1,561.42		
18	800.00	550.94	.....	.....	.....	1,370.94	198.00	1,568.94		
19	600.00	103.50	440.52	.....	17.78	1,662.02	166.68	1,334.73		
20	1,300.00	600.00	500.00	.....	30.00	2,440.00	306.81	2,776.81		
21	675.00	85.00	34.00	80.00	.....	884.50	71.00	955.50		
22	364.00	550.00	5.00	100.00	.....	1,804.00	53.50	1,137.50		
23	720.00	100.00	34.00	230.00	8.50	1,104.00	113.35	1,225.85		
24	442.73	100.00	201.40	.....	.....	719.13	64.33	783.46		
25	515.00	180.00	300.00	50.00	.....	1,063.00	120.04	1,183.04		
26	1,020.00	905.00	450.00	200.00	.....	2,605.00	219.00	2,824.00		
27	409.00	90.00	.....	.....	.....	509.85	61.85	571.70		
28	510.35	125.30	1,137.00	.....	.....	1,790.65	42.75	1,833.40		
29	400.00	82.14	90.87	106.00	3.65	691.01	70.52	765.18		
30	400.00	226.35	180.82	124.00	.....	996.17	45.50	1,041.67		
31	700.00	146.00	.....	.....	.....	931.00	78.00	1,009.00		
32	500.00	104.00	34.60	502.28	.....	1,158.88	69.73	1,228.61		
33	680.00	150.00	250.00	.....	.....	1,100.00	149.07	1,249.07		
34	400.00	279.73	.....	100.00	15.00	789.73	63.96	868.69		
35	1,240.00	1,126.65	.....	.....	10.00	2,398.65	353.59	2,727.34		
36	1,000.00	500.00	100.00	50.00	.....	1,685.00	823.00	2,508.00		
37	1,200.00	1,431.15	.....	250.00	14.49	2,916.15	337.30	3,267.94		
38	600.00	190.00	250.00	.....	.....	1,158.00	100.95	1,258.95		
39	207.00	160.80	.....	400.00	8.34	772.80	16.82	796.96		
40	275.00	35.00	150.00	.....	5.00	470.00	72.00	547.00		
41	210.00	110.00	.....	.....	.....	320.00	.....	320.00		
42	650.00	157.00	45.00	.....	.....	872.00	83.75	955.75		
43	400.00	25.00	15.00	456.50	61.00	517.50		
44	700.00	250.00	1,700.00	200.00	40.00	2,870.00	193.00	3,103.00		

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No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
45	First Church, D. C.	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	900.00
46	Fox Hill.....	5.00	270.00	270.00	.....	.....	270.00
47	Frankl'n City.....	20.00	20.00	600.00	560.00	75.00	675.00
48	Frederica.....	10.00	7.50	300.00	300.00	.....	300.00
49	Frederick.....	20.00	20.00	425.00	425.00	.....	425.00
50	Georgetown, D. C.	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	500.00	1,700.00
51	Georgetown, Del.	12.00	12.00	500.00	500.00	78.00	578.00
52	Georgetown Circ't.	10.00	10.00	300.00	318.00	.....	300.00
53	Greenwood	18.00	18.00	500.00	510.00	75.00	575.00
54	Grove	18.00	18.00	450.00	420.00	75.00	525.00
55	Hampden.....	30.00	30.00	800.00	800.00	150.00	950.00
56	Harper's Ferry.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	494.32	60.00	560.00
57	Harrington	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	775.00
58	Heathsville	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	700.00
59	Holly Run.....	15.00	10.00	400.00	365.00	100.00	500.00
60	Howard.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	600.00
61	Hurlock	10.00	10.00	410.00	410.00	75.00	485.00
62	Indian River.....	5.00	.....	60.00	60.00	.....	60.00
63	Jefferson.....	40.00	40.00	800.00	800.00	150.00	950.00
64	Kempton.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	72.00	572.00
65	Kennedyville.....	15.00	15.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	675.00
66	Kent Island.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	600.00
67	Laurel.....	32.00	32.00	800.00	800.00	125.00	925.00
68	Leipsic	8.00	8.00	200.00	200.00	.....	200.00
69	Lewistown.....	8.00	8.00	375.00	114.00	.....	375.00
70	Liberty.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	550.00	100.00	600.00
71	Lisbon.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	75.00	675.00
72	Lynchburg.....	25.00	25.00	840.00	600.00	.....	840.00
73	Mardela.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	150.00	50.00	350.00
74	Mariner's.....	20.00	20.00	700.00	700.00	150.00	850.00
75	Marley.....	12.00	12.00	400.00	400.00	.....	400.00
76	Middleway.....	10.00	10.00	280.00	262.39	60.00	340.00
77	Millville	10.00	10.00	275.00	206.42	.....	275.00
78	Milton.....	10.00	10.00	400.00	353.00	60.00	460.00
79	Mt. Nebo.....	12.00	12.00	350.00	273.95	.....	350.00
80	Mt. Tabor.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	.....	500.00
81	North Baltimore..	20.00	20.00	600.00	600.00	.....	600.00
82	N. C. Ave., Wash.	18.00	18.00	700.00	700.00	.....	700.00
83	Newark.....	50.00	50.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	450.00	1,950.00
84	New Market.....	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	96.00	796.00
85	Oak Grove.....	15.00	15.00	325.00	325.00	60.00	385.00
86	Oxford.....	20.00	20.00	550.00	550.00	150.00	700.00
87	Parksley.....	10.00	10.00	250.00	250.00	.....	250.00
88	Patapsco.....	5.00	116.65	116.65	116.65
89	Payson-St., Balto..	10.00	10.00	450.00	450.00	450.00

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No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improvements.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for all Purposes.
45	900.00	1,388.71	156.35			2,470.06	132.92	2,602.98
46	270.00	70.69			5.85	345.69	21.50	372.54
47	583.00					603.00	94.16	649.16
48	300.00	75.00				382.50	24.20	406.70
49	425.00	250.00	25.00		62.28	720.00	228.32	1,010.60
50	1,700.00	1,024.24	606.77		285.00	3,381.01	551.20	4,217.21
51	578.00	221.17	87.50			898.67	106.73	1,005.40
52	318.00	42.00	301.50	6.50		678.00	65.85	743.85
53	585.00	100.00	300.00		3.00	1,003.00	78.00	1,084.00
54	495.00	96.00	80.00		7.00	689.00	133.00	829.00
55	950.00	786.60		250.00	5.35	2,116.60	258.39	2,280.34
56	554.32	145.00	1,100.00			1,817.32	53.61	1,870.93
57	775.00	210.34	100.00		15.00	1,105.34	122.00	1,242.34
58	700.00	80.00	300.00	144.43	15.00	1,249.43	154.15	1,418.23
59	465.00	70.00				545.00	28.00	573.00
60	600.00	75.00	550.00			1,243.00	125.35	1,368.34
61	485.00	100.00	1,054.00			1,649.00	66.00	1,715.00
62	60.00					65.00	11.83	76.83
63	950.00	346.52			25.00	1,336.52	463.01	1,824.53
64	572.00	175.00	244.00			1,009.00	79.00	1,088.00
65	675.00	49.00		100.00		839.00	85.50	924.50
66	600.00	125.00			100.00	743.00	85.00	928.00
67	925.00	161.90	175.00		29.44	1,293.90	266.49	1,589.83
68	200.00	75.00				283.00	20.05	303.05
69	114.00					122.00	2.25	124.25
70	650.00	170.00	170.00			1,010.00	168.91	1,178.91
71	675.00	125.00	440.00			1,265.00	296.04	1,561.04
72	600.00	175.00	2,700.00		26.89	3,500.00	138.45	3,665.34
73	200.00	100.00	50.00			360.00	37.50	397.50
74	850.00	300.00	2,500.00	150.00		3,820.00	91.55	3,911.55
75	400.00	154.00	8.00			574.00	23.00	597.00
76	322.39		35.00			367.39	43.50	410.89
77	206.42	79.84	425.00	600.00		1,321.26	23.50	1,344.76
78	413.00	100.00	15.00			538.00	31.70	569.70
79	273.95	105.26	50.00	115.00	1.00	556.21	21.46	573.67
80	500.00	250.00		80.78		850.78	115.25	966.03
81	600.00	755.14	385.53	355.12	15.00	1,985.67	199.40	2,200.07
82	700.00	68.55	4,122.45	900.00		5,809.00	82.00	5,891.00
83	1,950.00	2,350.00	6,050.00		55.00	10,400.00	360.85	10,815.85
84	796.00	372.00	405.00	169.00		1,767.00	183.75	1,950.75
85	385.00	54.00	75.00		15.00	529.00	74.00	618.00
86	700.00	340.00	150.00			1,210.00	182.45	1,392.45
87	250.00	150.00				410.00	43.00	453.00
88	116.65		48.35			165.05	33.00	198.00
89	450.00	266.00	71.64		40.00	797.64	13.05	850.69

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No.	CHARGES.	PRES'T'S SALARY.		PASTOR'S SALARY.		Rental Value of Parsonages.	Total Assess.
		Assess.	Paid.	Assess.	Paid.		
90	Pipe Creek.....	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	96.00	596.00
91	Pittsville.....	12.00	12.00	650.00	573.00	50.00	700.00
92	Pocomoke	15.00	15.00	400.00	375.00	75.00	475.00
93	Pocomoke City..	40.00	40.00	850.00	850.00	150.00	1,000.00
94	Potomac	15.00	15.00	400.00	400.00	120.00	520.00
95	Powellville.....	15.00	15.00	375.00	375.00	35.00	410.00
96	Prince Geo., Va.	5.00	5.00	75.00	75.00	.....	75.00
97	Quantico....	12.00	12.00	300.00	300.00	75.00	375.00
98	Queen Anne's ..	12.00	12.00	400.00	400.00	100.00	500.00
99	Reliance.....	12.00	12.00	350.00	325.00	75.00	425.00
100	Remington	12.00	10.00	300.00	200.00	.....	300.00
101	Rowlandville....	12.00	12.00	450.00	200.00	100.00	550.00
102	Salem	12.00	12.00	400.00	400.00	100.00	500.00
103	Salisbury	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	150.00	800.00
104	Seaford	20.00	20.00	650.00	650.00	125.00	775.00
105	Snow Hill.....	18.00	18.00	500.00	500.00	100.00	600.00
106	South Baltimore.	20.00	20.00	700.00	550.00	300.00	1,000.00
107	Starr	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	240.00	1,440.00
108	Stewartstown....	18.00	18.00	525.00	502.00	75.00	600.00
109	St. James.....	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	700.00
110	St. John's, Canton	10.00	10.00	400.00	400.00	.....	400.00
111	St. Luke's.....	25.00	25.00	900.00	900.00	360.00	1,260.00
112	St. Michael's....	15.00	15.00	450.00	475.00	100.00	550.00
113	Susquehanna	25.00	25.00	600.00	600.00	100.00	700.00
114	Sussex	20.00	20.00	535.00	535.00	65.00	600.00
115	Talbot	10.00	10.00	300.00	300.00	.....	300.00
116	Trinity	25.00	25.00	700.00	720.00	75.00	775.00
117	Tyrecanna.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
118	Union	25.00	25.00	700.00	700.00	75.00	775.00
119	Union Bidge...	20.00	20.00	500.00	500.00	125.00	625.00
120	Violetsville	5.00	5.00	200.00	200.00	.....	200.00
121	Waltersville	15.00	15.00	400.00	425.00	.....	400.00
122	Warwick	15.00	15.00	500.00	500.00	50.00	550.00
123	Waverly.....	8.00	6.00	500.00	500.00	180.00	680.00
124	West Baltimore.	50.00	50.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,500.00
125	Westminster....	45.00	45.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	240.00	1,240.00
126	Williamsport	8.00	8.00	150.00	95.00	.....	150.00
127	Wilmington	10.00	10.00	750.00	750.00	.....	750.00
128	W. Wilmington.	8.00	8.00	325.00	325.00	.....	325.00
129	Wye.....	10.00	10.00	300.00	300.00	125.00	425.00
130	St. John's, Ind....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		2,370.00	2,349.10	69,519.65	66,071.97	8,715.00	80,752.65

Purposes for the Year Ending April, 1899.

No.	Total Paid.	Current Expenses.	Building and Improvements.	Paid on Debt.	Special.	Total Paid for Local Interests.	Total Paid for General Interests.	Total Paid for All Purposes.
90	596.00	379.17	71.71	.....	.....	1,066.88	248.81	1,315.69
91	623.00	87.00	83.88	.....	.....	769.88	75.55	845.43
92	450.00	86.00	80.00	.....	.....	331.00	30.05	661.05
93	1,000.00	150.00	250.00	60.00	15.00	1,350.00	338.35	1,703.35
94	520.00	75.00	400.00	.....	.....	890.00	59.03	949.03
95	410.00	30.00	38.77	20.00	.....	513.77	104.93	618.17
96	75.00	17.88	75.00	.....	.....	172.88	10.00	182.88
97	375.00	5.00	25.00	.....	.....	417.00	52.00	469.00
98	500.00	75.00	25.00	600.00	9.19	1,312.00	95.30	1,416.49
99	400.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	432.00	37.90	469.90
100	200.00	385.33	1,300.00	.....	.....	1,895.33	51.00	1,946.33
101	300.00	25.00	115.00	.....	.....	452.00	42.00	494.00
102	500.00	85.00	63.00	.....	.....	660.00	92.31	752.31
103	800.00	255.69	250.00	.....	45.00	1,325.69	119.88	1,490.57
104	775.00	375.00	3,500.00	.....	.....	4,670.00	166.70	4,836.70
105	600.00	155.00	94.97	.....	.....	867.97	85.79	953.76
106	850.00	703.00	75.00	1,600.00	5.00	3,248.00	102.25	3,355.25
107	1,440.00	1,320.64	97.17	.....	103.88	2,907.81	341.30	3,352.99
108	577.00	218.00	103.00	155.00	.....	1,071.00	86.00	1,157.00
109	700.00	158.75	216.62	.....	.....	1,100.37	222.34	1,322.71
110	400.00	133.60	186.95	.....	.....	730.55	89.65	820.20
111	1,260.00	829.98	40.00	240.88	53.46	2,395.86	58.27	2,503.57
112	575.00	75.00	175.00	.....	.....	840.00	146.95	886.00
113	700.00	99.99	831.00	.....	14.32	1,655.99	208.22	1,878.53
114	600.00	108.00	75.25	.....	14.64	803.25	141.82	959.71
115	300.00	50.00	4.00	.....	.....	760.00	60.75	820.75
116	795.00	157.05	122.26	.....	.....	1,099.63	221.90	1,321.53
117	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
118	775.00	150.00	287.00	150.00	.....	1,387.00	128.71	1,515.71
119	625.00	120.60	.....	50.00	.....	815.00	178.65	993.65
120	200.00	60.00	.....	.....	.....	265.00	34.50	299.50
121	425.00	102.00	130.50	.....	.....	672.50	151.90	824.40
122	550.00	100.00	120.00	.....	.....	785.00	64.00	849.00
123	680.00	339.48	20.00	.....	.....	1,045.48	41.05	1,086.53
124	1,500.00	2,025.00	1,420.00	.....	.....	4,895.00	792.30	5,687.65
125	1,240.00	540.69	281.00	.....	.....	2,106.69	259.08	2,365.77
126	95.00	.....	50.00	.....	.....	153.00	2.75	155.75
127	750.00	350.00	900.00	.....	.....	2,010.00	46.15	2,056.15
128	325.00	418.04	125.00	876.00	23.50	899.54
129	425.00	108.00	15.00	70.00	628.00	95.00	723.00
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77,136.07 26,831.03 49,378.15 11,783.99 2,270.30 167,399.54 19,860.10 187,311.54

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CHARGES.	Sunday School.	\$	Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.	TOTAL.	
							Assess.	Paid.
Finksburg		\$ 24.00	\$ 54.00		\$ 10.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 88.00	
First Church.....		7.00	19.42	\$32.00		30.00	58.42	
Franklin City.....		4.00	28.77	13.89		24.00	46.66	
Frederica.....		1.00	7.15	3.05		12.00	11.20	
Frederick.....		15.00	45.00	100.32		24.00	160.82	
Georgetown, D.C.		60.00	114.20	104.00		60.00	278.20	
Georgetown Ct.....		3.60	7 50				11.10	
Greenwood.....		12.40			1.60	22.00	14.00	
Grove.....		1.87	14.13	29.00		22.00	45.00	
Hampden.....			39.10	55.09		36.00	94.19	
Harper's Ferry.....		6.00	8.25			22.00	14.25	
Harrington.....		10.00	20.00	22.00		24.00	52.00	
Heathsville.....		17.00	60.80			30.00	77.80	
Holly Run.....		5.00	2.00			18.00	7.00	
Howard.....		22.00			8.00	22.00	30.00	
Hurlock.....		6.25	18.75			12.00	25.00	
Indian River.....			8.57				8.57	
Jefferson.....		48.00	117.66	19.35		48.00	185.01	
Kempton.....		5.00	12.00			22.00	17.00	
Kennedyville.....		10.00	17.00			18.00	27.00	
Kent Island.....		5.00	23.00			22.00	28.00	
Laurel, Del.....	\$13.60	40.00	75.00	7.00		40.00	135.60	
Leipsic.....		1.50	10.00			10.00	11.50	
Liberty.....		20.00	47.00			24.00	67.00	
Lisbon.....		30.00	71.58	62.46		30.00	164.04	
Lynchburg.....		12.00	60.45	26.00		30.00	98.45	
Mariner's.....		10.55	5.45	18.55		24.00	34.55	
Marley.....		1.00	1.00	1.00		14.00	3.00	
Middleway.....		9.00	5.00			12.00	14.00	
Milton.....		8.00				12.00	8.00	
Mt. Nebo.....		.50	8.58			14.00	9.08	
Mt. Tabor.....		20.00	8.00			24.00	28.00	
Newark.....		40.00		55.00		60.00	95.00	
Newcastle.....								
New Market.....		17.00	49.00		12.00	30.00	78.00	
Nichols' Memorial								
N. Balto. Mission.		24.00	9.00	60.40		24.00	93.40	
N. C. Avenue		15.00				22.00	15.00	
Oak Grove.....		5.00	21.25			18.00	26.05	
Oxford.....		24.00	17.00	10.00	11.00	34.00	62.00	
Georgetown, Del.		14.00	20.48	8.75		14.00	43.23	
Parksley.....		6.00		6.00		12.00	12.00	
Payson St., Balto.		2.00				12.00	2.00	
Pipe Creek.....		24.00	36.60	74.91		24.00	135.51	
Pittsville.....		5.00	19.06	4.80		14.00	28.86	
Pocomoke		5.00	3.00			18.00	8.00	
Pocomoke City.....		48.00	31.30	32.05		48.00	111.35	
Potomac.....		9.00		12.72		18.00	21.72	
Powellville		18.00				18.00	18.00	

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CHARGES.	Sunday School.						TOTAL.		
		Paid on Assessment.	Children's Day.	W. F. M. S.	Special.		Assess.		Paid.
Prince George, Va.		\$ 1.20	\$.80				\$ 6.00	\$ 2.00	
Quantico.		14.00					14.00		14.00
Queen Anne.		14.00	25.00	\$ 11.00			14.00		50.00
Reliance.		2.15	16.37	4.53			14.00		23.05
Remington.		2.00	10.00	8.00			1.50		20.00
Rowlandville.		7.00					14.00		7.00
Salem.		2.75	18.50	10.56			14.00		31.81
Salisbury.		7.71	15.25	11.54			24.00		34.50
St. James'.		30.00	48.14	8.70			30.00		86.84
St. Luke's.		8.00	3.00				30.00		11.00
St. Michael's.		18.00	10.00	36.45			18.00		64.45
Seaford.		24.00	24.20	9.00			24.00		57.20
Snow Hill.		13.50	9.50				22.00		23.00
South Baltimore.		6.00	6.05	17.70			24.00		29.75
Starr.	\$32.30	34.00	37.00	41.50	\$30.00		60.00		174.80
Stewartstown.			23.00				22.00		23.00
Susquehanna.		30.00	30.37	17.35			30.00		77.72
Sussex.				41.47	16.00		24.00		57.47
Talbot.		12.00		15.00			12.00		27.00
Towson.									
Trinity.		30.00	52.30	9.10			30.00		91.40
Tyreeanna.							6.00		
Union.		4.00	41.71				30.00		45.71
Union Bridge.		24.00	23.65	18.00	10.00		24.00		75.65
Warwick.		10.00	23.00				18.00		33.00
Washington-St.		60.00	15.68	254.00			60.00		329.68
Waverly.			8.25	4.10			10.00		12.35
West Baltimore.		60.00	274.33	153.00			60.00		487.33
Westminster.		37.11	15.90	24.00			54.00		77.01
Williamsport.					1.00		10.00		1.00
Wilmington, 1 st .		8.00	7.15				12.00		15.15
Wilmington, 2 ^d .		3.00	3.00				10.00		6.00
Wye.		12.00	26.00				12.00		38.00
Waltersville.		18.00	22.20				18.00		40.20
Mardela.		6.00					12.00		6.00
Lewistown.									
St. John's, I. M. Ch.				155.00					155.00
Violetsville.		6.00					6.00		6.00
Patapsco.		6.00					6.00		6.00
Grand Total.	45.90	1,753.51	2,681.28	2,016.78	83.60				6,581.07

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C. LARGES.	President's Salar.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education	Superannuates.	Foreign Mission	Mission	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Totals.
Accomac.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	19.50	53.00	226.50	
Amelia	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75	
Alexandria.....	30.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	192.25	
Alnutt Mem'l.....	57.00	7.80	41.60	13.00	88.40	62.40	33.80	91.00	395.00	
Baltimore.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	22.00	135.70	
Beaver Dam.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20	
Bedford.....	30.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	192.25	
Belair	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25	
Broadway	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00	
Bethany	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50	
Brooklyn	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75	
Cambridge.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25	
Caroline.....	30.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	192.25	
Campbell.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50	
Cecil.....	30.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	192.25	
Central.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25	
Centreville.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00	
Cheasapeake.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70	
Chestertown.....	42.00	6.30	33.60	10.50	71.40	50.40	27.30	73.50	315.00	
Christ's Church.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25	
Clayton.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00	
Concord.....	25.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	155.00	
Conquest.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70	
Crisfield.....	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	19.50	53.00	226.50	
Crumpton.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80	
Cumberland.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70	
Chincoteague	15.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	81.50	
Delmar.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00	
Deer Creek.....	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80	
Deer Park.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75	
Delta.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70	
Dorchester	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00	
Dover.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50	
Denton.....	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25	
East Baltimore.....	40.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	22.75	61.00	266.75	
Easton.....	40.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	22.75	61.00	266.75	
Elizabeth.....	40.00	5.00	28.00	9.00	59.00	42.00	22.75	61.00	266.75	
Eutaw.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70	
Evergreen	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25	
Fairfax	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20	
Fawn Grove.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00	
Fairview.....	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20	
Finksburg.....	25.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	155.00	
First Church.....	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25	

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CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Totals.
Franklin City.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Frederick.....	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Felton.....	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Frederica.....	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Fairfield.....	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Georgetown, D. C.	50.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	32.50	88.00	377.50
Georgetown, Del.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Grove	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Greenwood.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Georgetown Circuit.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Hampden.	30.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	51.00	36.00	19.50	53.00	226.50
Harper's Ferry.	20.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	116.75
Harrington.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Howard.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Hurlock.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Holly Run.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Jefferson.	45.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	26.00	72.00	307.00
Kennedyville.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Kemptown.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Kent Island.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Laurel, Del.	32.00	5.00	24.00	8.00	53.00	40.00	20.80	55.00	237.80
Leipsic.	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20
Lewistown.	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20
Liberty.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Lisbon.	30.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	192.25
Lynchburg.	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25
Lawsonia.	5.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Mariner's.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Mardela.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Middleway.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Milton.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Millville.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Mt. Tabor.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Mt. Nebo.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
Montgomery.	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25
Newark.	55.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	32.50	88.00	382.50
N. C. Avenue.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
New Market.	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25
N. Balto. Mission.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Nichols Mem'l.	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25
Oxford.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Oak Grove.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Prince Geo., Va.	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25
Pipe Creek.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00

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CHARGES.	President's Salary.	Conference.	Seminary.	Ministerial Education	Superannuates.	Foreign Missions.	General Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Totals.
Pittsville	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
Pocomoke.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Pocomoke City	45.00	6.00	32.00	10.00	68.00	48.00	26.00	72.00	307.00
Powellville	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Patapsco	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25
Payson St.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Potomac	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Quantico.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
Queen Anne.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
Reliance.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
Rowlandville.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
Remington.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
St. James'.	30.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	192.25
St. John's (Can)	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
St. Michael's.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
St. Luke's.	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25
Salisbury.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Seaford.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Snow Hill.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Salem.	12.00	2.00	10.00	2.00	21.00	14.00	7.80	21.00	89.80
S. Baltimore.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Starr.	55.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	32.50	88.00	382.50
Stewartstown.	18.00	3.00	14.00	5.00	30.00	22.00	11.70	32.00	135.70
Susquehanna.	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25
Sussex.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Talbot.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Trinity.	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25
Tyreeanna.	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25
Union.	25.00	4.00	20.00	6.00	42.00	30.00	16.25	44.00	187.25
Union Bridge.	20.00	3.00	16.00	5.00	34.00	24.00	13.00	35.00	150.00
Violetsville.	5.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	8.00	6.00	3.25	9.00	38.25
Warwick.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Waltersville.	15.00	2.00	12.00	4.00	25.00	18.00	9.75	26.00	111.75
Waverly.	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20
W. Baltimore.	55.00	8.00	40.00	13.00	86.00	60.00	32.50	88.00	382.50
Westminster.	50.00	6.75	36.00	11.25	76.50	54.00	29.25	78.75	342.50
Williamsport.	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20
Wilmington.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
W. Wilm'gton.	8.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	14.00	10.00	5.20	14.00	61.20
Wye Station.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Wicomico.	10.00	2.00	8.00	3.00	17.00	12.00	6.50	18.00	76.50
Totals.	2,485.00	383.85	1,897.20	611.75	4,027.30	2,862.80	1,547.00	4,189.25	18,004.15

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					No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membr'ship.	Withdr'n by Crtificate.	Discontinu'd	Deceased.	Now on Roll
1	Accomac.....	10	308	15	2	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	10
2	Alexandria.....	22	217	12	13	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
3	Alnutt Mem'l.....	9	480	18	9	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
4	Amelia.....	1	169	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Baltimore.....	2	170	3	7	5	.....	.....	2	.....	2
6	Bedford.....	20	243	37	3	8	.....	12	.....	.....	20
7	Belair.....	1	236	.....	9	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Bethany.....	1	90	54	3	7	.....	31	.....	.....	13
9	Bethel.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
10	Broadway.....	3	5	250	19	20	23	.....	1	.....	5
11	Beaver Dam.....	.....	18	151	5	14	1	.....	.....	.....	18
12	Brooklyn.....	.....	65	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Cambridge.....	1	4	253	48	8	34	22	.....	.....	4
14	Campbell.....	1	.....	229	.....	13	13	4	.....	.....	.....
15	Caroline.....	.....	19	193	18	12	5	.....	.....	.....	30
16	Cecil.....	.....	9	297	26	6	21	2	.....	.....	9
17	Central.....	2	3	112	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
18	Centerville.....	.....	12	141	2	4	3	10	.....	.....	12
19	Chesapeake.....	1	18	113	17	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
20	Chestertown.....	.....	15	200	16	20	20	.....	.....	.....	16
21	Chincoteague.....	.....	13	125	30	23	28	2	.....	.....	13
22	Christ Church.....	1	8	140	5	6	3	.....	.....	.....	8
23	Clayton.....	1	21	190	20	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
24	Concord.....	.....	8	230	19	3	14	.....	.....	.....	8
25	Conquest.....	.....	14	203	11	8	5	.....	.....	.....	14
26	Crisfield.....	66	248	82	9	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	66
27	Crumpton.....	1	12	163	14	2	14	.....	.....	.....	2
28	Cumberland.....	.....	17	126	28	.....	1	10	.....	.....	17
29	Deer Creek.....	1	16	188	12	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
30	Deer Park.....	1	.....	200	6	20	22	4	.....	.....	.....
31	Delmar.....	.....	3	182	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Delta.....	.....	.....	103	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Dorchester.....	.....	.....	267	.....	55	55	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Dover.....	1	.....	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	East Baltimore.....	.....	12	230	25	16	22	7	.....	.....	12
36	Easton.....	.....	.....	197	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	Elizabeth.....	17	255	20	4	2	3	2	.....	.....	17
38	Eutaw.....	1	77	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
39	Evergreen.....	9	40	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
40	Fairfax.....	2	3	129	.....	10	8	6	.....	.....	3
41	Fairview.....	4	25	4	4
42	Fawn Grove.....	20	315	14	6	20
43	Felton.....	1	18	150	30	12	12	12	18

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	No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol's Received.	Scholars on Roll.	In School.	In Congre- gation.	
1	323	7	10	9	3	308	2	11	3	50	15	290	6	...	6	
2	194	26	3	1	5	217	1	17	1	25	73	258	7	19	19	
3	469	6	11	3	...	473	...	25	1	38	...	440	3	4	4	
4	173	...	2	2	2	169	...	1	2	21	2	130	1	2	2	
5	170	7	...	10	2	170	...	14	3	25	25	190	6	8	8	
6	246	8	...	4	1	6	243	...	20	5	35	8	250	...	3	3
7	225	9	4	...	...	...	236	...	5	4	34	10	243	...	9	9
8	122	7	2	9	21	...	90	...	12	1	17	50	175	...	4	4
9	11	29	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	10	9	110	...	29	29	29
10	223	23	2	...	...	5	250	1	24	1	30	...	350	14	8	8
11	172	1	...	5	18	3	151	2	12	3	18	...	190	...	17	17
12	59	1	5	...	...	...	65	...	10	1	17	20	62	...	4	4
13	226	34	...	3	...	4	253	...	15	3	50	25	350	...	8	8
14	220	13	1	4	...	1	229	7	2	5	24	15	150	...	3	3
15	233	5	14	5	...	4	193	...	17	6	62	50	400	6	24	24
16	304	21	2	2	20	8	297	4	3	5	62	17	285	4	10	10
17	118	...	3	...	20	4	112	...	2	1	14	6	67	...	...	...
18	143	3	...	3	...	2	141	1	6	1	140	7	120	...	11	11
19	101	...	4	2	...	...	103	...	11	1	25	5	126	1	...	...
20	188	20	4	10	...	2	200	...	10	1	40	20	300	4	25	25
21	96	28	1	...	...	...	125	5	8	1	19	10	134	9	17	17
22	139	3	4	6	...	...	140	...	12	1	23	60	276	4	4	4
23	190	...	1	...	...	1	190	...	5	3	35	10	150	...	4	4
24	221	14	...	1	...	4	230	...	9	3	38	4	131	...	1	1
25	203	5	...	3	...	2	203	6	...	5	60	112	397	8	...	...
26	209	25	16	...	...	2	248	1	9	1	35	60	385	...	25	25
27	150	14	...	1	...	...	163	...	27	2	26	...	150	2	...	...
28	127	1	4	3	2	1	126	...	31	1	23	...	141	...	...	...
29	197	...	2	3	4	188	1	7	2	24	5	82	5	5	5	5
30	205	22	4	2	30	2	197	1	26	4	44	35	385	4	15	15
31	198	1	3	2	8	3	198	...	8	2	20	75	269	...	1	1
32	103	2	...	1	...	1	103	...	2	1	19	21	121	...	2	2
33	353	55	...	3	136	2	267	...	24	4	55	10	300	32	73	73
34	98	...	7	...	18	3	84	...	6	1	17	25	100	...	...	...
35	216	22	5	2	9	2	230	1	10	1	27	75	275	...	10	10
36	200	...	6	8	...	1	197	...	...	1	20	...	160	...	...	...
37	257	2	9	13	...	1	255	1	8	1	47	65	418	2	2	2
38	72	...	6	1	...	...	77	...	8	1	15	18	105	...	...	...
39	40	...	...	...	...	...	40	1	...	1	15	10	100	...	4	4
40	128	10	3	2	7	3	129	1	5	4	45	5	240	10	5	5
41	55	1	28	1	25	1	5	...	25
42	319	2	...	4	315	8	38	3	48	8	407	4	3	3
43	164	12	...	1	22	3	150	...	50	3	25	10	200	6	6	6

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No.	CHARGES.	No. Unstationed Min'rs&Prea'r-	PROBATIONERS.							Now on Roll
			Probationers.	Members.	No. on Roll at last Con- ference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdra'ny Certificate.	Discontinu'd	
44	Finksburg	24	366	20	16	7	3	26		
45	First Church	2	130	6	4				2	
46	Fox Hill	3	41	3					3	
47	Franklin City	1	316	18					18	
48	Frederica	60	114	73	6	5	3		60	
49	Frederick	31	164	37		6			31	
50	Georget'n, D. C.	5	272	2	11	8			5	
51	Georet'n, Del.	3	155	97	9	32	19		54	
52	Greenwood		183	1	1	8				
53	Grove	21	220	16	6	1			21	
54	Hampden	3	414	100	19		75	1	43	
55	Harper's Ferry	16	129	2	16	2			16	
56	Harrington	4	238	3	2			1	4	
57	Heathsville	16	273	17	17	14	1			
58	Holly Run	1	104	3	14		1	1	15	
59	Howard	1	185	4	6	4	3		3	
60	Hurlocks		152	6	25	16	1		14	
61	Indian River	12	39						12	
62	Jefferson		100							
63	Kempton	2	392	59	59		3			
64	Kennedyville		134	3			3			
65	Kent Island	1	9	161	2	14	18		9	
66	Laurel, Del.	1	21	212	14	7			21	
67	Leipsic		2	63		2			2	
68	Lewistown	1	4	122		4			4	
69	Liberty	1	3	216		3			3	
70	Lisbon		26	310	4	24	4		24	
71	Lynchburg		145		2	2				
72	Mardela	1	7	184	7				7	
73	Mariners		10	302	21	25	20	16	10	
74	Marley		7	94	6	7	6		7	
75	Middleway	1	1	104	8	9	10	6	1	
76	Milton	1	3	91	19	4	5	1	3	
77	Mt. Nebo		25	106	6	19	5		20	
78	Mt. Tabor	1		85		3	3			
79	N. Baltimore	2		117		1	1			
80	N. C. Avenue		7	59	2	7		2	7	
81	Newark	2	6	317	10	16	20		6	
82	New Market		11	339	33	2	23	1	11	
83	Oak Grove		10	152	4	7	8		12	
84	Oxford	1		174		2	2			
85	Parksley			58	5				5	
86	Patapsco	1		50		5	5			

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	Received by Certificate.	Rec'd from Probation.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.	Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Schol's Received.	Scholars on Roll.
44	377	7	1	14	5	366	19	4	59	16	450	14
45	125	4	9	6	2	130	52	1	21	67	280	3
46	42		3	1	2	42		1	14	4	93	1
47	328		3	1	15	316	4	4	68		384	40
48	109	5	3	2	1	114		1	14	5	148	8
49	163	6	3	3	2	164		4	54	30	396	6
50	265	8	7	1	1	272	1	21	1	29	47	9
51	115	32	10	1	1	155	1	12	1	19	31	18
52	180	8	...	3	1	183	10	6	2	20	3	4
53	226	1	...	5	...	220	1	7	4	45	8	9
54	454	...	8	4	38	6	414	1	30	1	46	30
55	137	2	...	9	1	129	3	5	2	24	20	25
56	241	...	2	4	1	238	...	13	2	32	41	21
57	298	14	3	27	7	273	1	1	3	36	40	26
58	120	...	...	16	...	104	...	9	3	30	5	7
59	184	4	5	1	...	185	...	10	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	39	15	8
60	123	23	18	1	9	2	152	12	22	4	36	97
61	39	...	...	...	...	39	...	...	1	8	...	25
62	105	...	...	4	...	100	...	11	2	22	20	2
63	336	59	4	...	3	4	392	7	40	4	64	32
64	134	...	...	...	...	134	...	1	1	19	7	...
65	143	18	1	...	1	161	...	10	2	20	...	20
66	214	...	5	5	...	2	212	...	4	1	21	12
67	63	...	2	...	1	1	63	...	1	1	8	5
68	126	...	...	1	...	3	122	...	6	2	...	...
69	249	7	5	1	41	2	216	3	8	4	55	...
70	317	4	2	2	8	3	310	1	24	4	55	5
71	141	2	6	2	...	2	145	...	1	1	17	6
72	184	...	...	...	2	182	...	...	3	50	...	180
73	285	20	6	...	10	6	302	2	21	2	35	125
74	88	6	...	...	...	94	...	4	2	18	7	157
75	95	10	...	6	...	104	1	1	4	24	50	4
76	86	5	...	...	...	2	91	...	2	1	8	6
77	101	5	4	3	...	1	106	10	32	2	24	10
78	83	3	1	...	...	2	85	...	7	1	22	3
79	116	1	25	6	15	4	117	...	4	1	17	16
80	84	...	3	7	21	...	59	...	1	1	7	3
81	299	20	9	4	5	2	317	3	2	1	30	33
82	338	23	...	4	14	5	339	1	4	4	63	12
83	153	2	2	4	5	4	152	3	1	1	18	8
84	172	2	1	1	174	1	14	1	32	15
85	57	...	1	58	...	1	1	14	...	89
86	43	...	2	50	...	1	1	15	...	50

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					No. on Roll at last Conference.	Rec'd during the year.	Elected to Membership.	Withdra'ny Certificate.	Discontinu'd	Now on Roll	
87	Payson Street..	1	1	57	2	1	1	..	..	1
88	Pipe Creek..	1	..	214	..	22	..	..	..	9
89	Pittsville..	..	9	233	47	2	..	..	43	..
90	Pocomoke..	1	..	179	5	7	..	..	..	..
91	Pocomoke City..	1	7	297	27	5	11	..	..	7
92	Potomac..	2	8	157	4	12	6	..	..	8
93	Powellville..	2	..	84	5	..	4	..	1	..	
94	Prince George..	1	8	69	1	16	8	..	..	9
95	Quantico..	..	6	149	10	9	6	..	3	6	
96	Queen Anne..	1	3	143	9	10	12	..	..	3
97	Reliance..	..	..	162	..	2	..	..	..	..
98	Remington..	..	17	162	12	14	9	..	..	17
99	Rolandville..	..	..	101	..	..	..	..	..	..
100	Salem..	1	..	114	9	4	13	..	..	..
101	Salisbury..	..	16	207	45	4	29	..	3	16	
102	Seaford..	..	10	208	23	4	17	..	4	10	
103	Snow Hill..	2	9	204	18	2	7	..	..	13
104	South Baltimore..	..	4	124	12	7	7	6	14	6	
105	Starr..	2	1	247	2	2	2	..	1	1	
106	Stewartstown..	1	24	229	24	..	..	..	..	24
107	St. James..	..	17	186	17	7	7	..	..	17
108	St. John's,Cant..	1	8	82	8	12	4	..	..	8
109	St. Luke's..	2	..	145	..	12	12	..	..	..
110	St. Michael's..	1	7	127	23	2	14	..	4	7	
111	Susquehanna..	..	14	215	9	8	3	..	..	14
112	Sussex..	1	14	310	13	27	24	..	..	14
113	Talbot ..	1	3	40	3	3	3	..	..	3
114	Trinity..	..	24	198	22	10	6	..	2	24	
115	Union ..	2	36	284	48	13	10	1	14	36	
116	Union Bridge..	..	2	133	7	7	7	2	4	4	
117	Waltersville..	..	12	166	15	10	13	..	..	12
118	Warwick ..	..	2	122	..	7	5	..	..	2
119	Waverly ..	1	8	83	5	9	3	..	7	8	
120	West Baltimore..	4	66	431	54	32	18	..	1	66	
121	Westminster..	3	..	219	10	8	16	..	2	..	
122	Williamsport..	1	..	76	5	..	14	..	..	..
123	Wilmington..	2	10	153	..	25	15	..	..	10
124	W. Wilmington..	..	18	73	18	..	2	1	..	18	
125	Wye..	..	..	105	..	27	27	..	..	..
126	St. John's Ind..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
127	Millville ..	1	..	54	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Totals.....	83	1298	21048	1681	1034	1040	17	374	13	1283
	Report of 1898..	76	1960	21663	..	1999	1508	23	468	23	1751

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		Rec'd from Probation.	Received by Certificate.	Withdr'n by Certificate.	Discontin'd.		Deceased.	Now on Roll	Adults.	Infants.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New School's Received.	Scholars on Roll.	In School.	In Congre- gation.
87	50	3	1	1	1	57	1	2	1	1	16	10	111	...	1	1
88	193	22	2	1	1	214	2	12	2	2	36	8	173	7	17	17
89	178	2	52	1	1	233	1	8	4	4	45	35	253	...	13	13
90	178	5	...	1	1	179	2	4	3	3	33	8	180	...	...	...
91	295	11	8	4	15	297	1	4	2	2	20	20	200	2	8	8
92	138	7	4	...	1	157	3	8	2	2	21	10	134	6	2	2
93	80	4	2	...	2	84	...	6	1	1	5	...	125	...	4	4
94	64	8	...	1	2	1	69	...	5	2	15	27	50	...	6	6
95	153	6	...	10	3	149	...	4	4	30	...	151	2	19	19	19
96	136	12	2	4	...	143	...	6	2	19	15	140	1	9	9	9
97	165	2	2	2	3	162	...	21	2	16	...	100	...	1	1	1
98	13?	9	23	2	10	2	162	3	32	1	23	...	200	2	13	13
99	100	1	...	...	...	101	3	31	2	20	...	100	...	1	1	1
100	102	13	...	1	...	114	...	6	1	12	2	98	2	2	2	2
101	184	29	11	11	3	207	...	10	1	23	50	154	...	6	6	6
102	200	17	8	1	3	208	1	9	1	15	36	176	...	7	7	7
103	195	10	1	3	...	204	...	9	2	16	12	160	1	4	4	4
104	136	7	...	7	14	1	124	1	30	1	28	26	180	1	3	3
105	267	2	6	7	12	8	248	3	40	1	27	24	224	1	3	3
106	229	2	...	2	...	...	229	1	3	2	32	...	312	1	1	1
107	175	7	6	1	...	1	186	...	5	2	29	...	150	...	10	10
108	88	4	4	1	6	1	82	...	5	1	18	39	255	...	12	12
109	130	12	4	...	1	1	145	3	8	1	26	70	380	...	12	12
110	119	14	...	2	3	1	127	...	22	2	25	...	125	...	2	2
111	209	3	7	1	...	4	215	2	15	3	30	20	140	2	6	6
112	271	24	15	1	...	...	310	3	22	4	61	3	318	15	81	81
113	37	2	1	...	2	2	40	...	2	2	14	5	75	1	3	3
114	194	6	...	...	2	2	198	...	12	2	27	...	271	...	3	3
115	291	10	5	...	20	2	284	4	30	4	52	10	360	...	34	34
116	119	7	...	2	4	4	133	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	6	6
117	174	13	2	3	14	4	166	6	34	1	24	...	178	5	4	4
118	119	5	1	3	...	1	122	1	8	3	26	10	130	6	5	5
119	66	3	19	3	1	1	83	2	30	1	28	60	250	5	9	9
120	426	18	14	16	...	10	431	2	19	1	46	5	561	30	20	20
121	245	16	1	2	23	1	219	1	6	1	24	11	153	...	6	6
122	58	14	4	...	1	1	75	...	3	30	...	181	...	9	9	9
123	126	15	20	3	3	2	153	3	10	1	10	20	100	...	60	60
124	72	2	...	1	...	1	73	...	6	1	16	5	213	1	2	2
125	76	27	3	...	...	1	105	1	13	2	22	...	130	...	25	25
126	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
127	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	21946	1179	511	279	781	364	21088	156	1375	2614	3638	2300	24889	296	1327	
	...	1535	576	328	1120	234	...	219	1679	2681	3672	3962	25775	683	2223	

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	Churches.	Parsonages.							
Accomac.....	3	4	1	30	100	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 4,900
Alexandria	1	1	1	17	335	120	19,000.00	2,400.00	7,000
Alnutt Mem'l.	1	1	1	50	325	.....	54,000.00	.....	.....
Amelia.....	3	3	..	12	.....	128	1,500.00	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	3	3	1	12	12	.....	8,000.00	500.00	.....
Bedford.....	6	6	1	26	250	350	12,810.00	58.00	.....
Belair.....	4	4	1	20	150	200	12,000.00	200.00	.....
Bethany.....	1	1	..	6	.....	200	3,000.00	.....	2,500
Bethel.....	2	2	..	..	90	49	1,853.00	.....	.....
Broadway.....	1	1	1	10	.....	.....	25,000.00	8,000.00	8,000
Beaver Dam..	3	3	1	4	.....	75	4,000.00	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	1	1	1	16	73	.....	15,000.00	2,600.00	4,000
Cambridge.....	3	3	1	20	300	100	8,000.00	.....	4,500
Campbell.....	7	6	..	9	.....	.....	3,750.00	.....	.....
Caroline.....	6	6	1	20	400	400	10,000.00	1,850.00	6,000
Cecil.....	5	5	1	..	350	350	13,000.00	225.00	10,312
Central.....	1	1	1	..	138	400	85,000.00	32,000.00	32,000
Centreville.....	1	1	1	23	143	.....	16,000.00	500.00	5,000
Chesapeake...	2	2	1	19	.....	140	8,900.00	.....	.....
Chestertown..	1	1	1	30	200	200	40,000.00	.....	.....
Chincoteague.	1	1	1	2	85	140	3,000.00	30.00	500
Christ Church.	1	1	..	4	280	125	2,900.00	1,170.00	2,500
Clayton.....	3	3	1	17	125	75	6,600.00	300.00	4,000
Concord.....	3	4	1	11	150	.....	3,700.00	113.47	1,500
Conquest.....	4	4	..	18	300	.....	7,000.00	650.00	3,000
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	17	400	.....	28,000.00	5,500.00	.....
Crumpton.....	3	3	1	4	40	.....	4,600.00	100.00	1,700
Cumberland ..	1	1	..	17	175	300	5,892.50	764.00	3,000
Deer Creek....	2	2	1	14	150	123	5,600.00	33.52	2,800
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	6	273	370	7,800.00	300.00	5,720
Delmar.....	1	1	1	16	200	.....	3,500.00	140.00	2,800
Delta.....	1	1	1	6	215	120	7,000.00	910.00	.....
Dorchester ..	4	4	1	19	150	150	11,600.00	.....	5,000
Dover.....	1	1	..	16	140	200	6,000.00	1,300.00	2,175
E. Baltimore..	1	1	1	27	275	125	23,000.00	850.00	6,000
Easton.....	1	1	1	40	.....	350	16,000.00	.....	9,000
Elizabeth.....	1	1	..	14	650	550	15,000.00	5,200.00	8,300
Eutaw.....	1	1	1	..	240	10	4,000.00	.....	3,500
Evergreen.....	1	1	..	3	75	176	1,600.00	.....	1,400
Fairfax.....	3	3	..	9	175	.....	4,500.00	.....	3,000
Fairview.....	1	1	..	2	35	75	1,200.00	97.00	1,000
Fawn Grove..	3	3	1	12	347	195	6,000.00	.....	.....
Felton.....	4	4	..	10	100	300	3,750.00	.....	.....
Finksburg....	4	4	1	41	380	200	16,000.00	1,000.00	6,700
First Ch., Wash	1	1	1	8	228	355	28,000.00	13,000.00	12,000
Fox Hill.....	1	1	..	8	.....	.....	600.00	.....	500
Franklin City.	4	4	1	17	7,800.00	440.00	1,200
Frederica.....	1	1	..	5	150	2,300.00	50.00	1,000
Frederick.....	4	4	..	20	253	560	6,300.00	1,000

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Georgetown, D.C.	1	1	1	40	300	400	\$ 20,000.00
Georgetown, Del.	1	1	..	6	122	25	3,100.00	\$ 1,500
Georgetown, Ct.	3	2	..	4	68	50	2,200.00	\$ 47.50	1,100
Greenwood	2	2	1	15	175	150	5,000.00	100.00	3,000
Grove	4	4	1	14	.....	.....	6,500.00	.....	600
Hampden	1	1	1	22	675	247	17,000.00	.....	12,000
Harper's Ferry	2	2	1	14	180	.....	6,000.00	350.00	.....
Harrington	2	2	1	20	250	.....	6,000.00	.....	3,200
Heathsivle	6	6	1	36	180	275	19,000.00	.....	.....
Holly Run	4	4	1	12	100	200	6,300.00	68.00	4,000
Howard	4	3 ¹	1	19	114	250	7,800.00	.....	5,000
Hurlocks	4	4	1	6	220	119	5,400.00	1,140.00	5,000
Indian River	1	1	..	.....	.....	15	600.00	.....	.....
Jefferson	2	3	1	25	150	.....	25,000.00	.....	12,500
Kempton	4	4	1	17	280	250	5,500.00	.....	5,500
Kennedyville	1	1	1	12	.....	.....	6,000.00	250.00	.....
Kent Island	2	2	1	24	100	100	1,800.00	.....	700
Laurel	1	1	1	17	153	.....	7,000.00	.....	3,000
Leipsic	1	1	..	2	80	.....	3,000.00	.....	1,500
Lewistown	4	3	..	4	.....	150	2,500.00	.....	.....
Liberty	4	4	1	30	200	600	11,200.00	.....	6,000
Lisbon	5	5	1	30	200	800	10,500.00	60.00	6,000
Lynchburg	1	1	..	8	50	200	20,000.00	2,500.00	4,000
Mardela	4	4	..	19	160	.....	5,500.00	.....	1,500
Mariners	2	2	1	5	300	.....	6,500.00	250.00	3,500
Marley	2	2	..	4	.....	70	3,000.00	.....	3,000
Middleway	4	3	1	4	.....	.....	2,000.00	150.00	1,200
Milton	1	1	1	7	100	.....	2,000.00	100.00	.....
Mt. Nebo	2	2	1	4	105	80	6,400.00	1,086.00	4,500
Mt. Tabor	1	1	..	5	127	250	8,000.00	217.18	3,500
N. Baltimore	1	1	..	28	106	.....	11,000.00	2,395.00	9,000
N. C. Avenue	1	1	..	11	44	100	30,000.00	15,000.00	.....
Newark	1	1	1	30	478	500	42,000.00	.....	15,000
New Market	4	4	1	26	389	335	13,500.00	725.00	9,500
Oak Grove	1	1	1	12	90	100	1,500.00	.....	.....
Oxford	1	1	1	10	190	193	6,000.00	.....	3,000
Parksley	1	1	..	10	100	34	4,000.00	750.00	1,000
Patapsco	1	..	..	..	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Payson-Street	1	1	..	5	62	201	1,500.00	.....	1,500
Pipe Creek	2	2	1	22	50	500	10,000.00	.....	8,650
Pittsville	4	4	1	14	170	300	10,000.00	.....	2,200
Pocomoke	4	4	1	14	225	160	900.00	.....	.....
Pocomoke City	2	2	1	30	200	300	15,000.00	.....	10,000
Potomac	2	3	1	19	175	350	6,000.00	.....	2,300
Powellville	4	4	1	10	50	.....	3,500.00	45.00	.....
Prince Geo. Va.	2	2	..	1	25	104	.....	1,000.00	.....
Quantico	5	5	1	3	29	3,600.00
Queen Anne's	2	2	1	19	200	50	3,400.00	22.00	2,800
Reliance	3	3	1	8	75	4,000.00	116.50

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Remington....	1	1	1	1	220	150	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000
Rowlandville..	3	3	1	1	57	200	5,000.00
Salem	1	1	1	11	76	125	4,000.00	.....	600
Salisbury....	1	1	1	40	150	267	10,000.00	.....	5,200
Seaford....	1	1	1	16	180	.....	10,000.00	.....	7,400
Snow Hill....	2	2	1	20	160	230	3,600.00	.....	2,600
S. Baltimore..	1	1	1	10	180	200	23,000.00	1,600.00	23,000
Starr	1	1	1	35	300	200	40,000.00	.....	10,000
Stewartstown..	2	2	1	14	325	225	7,000.00	350.00	2,967
St. James'....	2	2	1	24	160	240	8,500.00	.....	4,800
St. John's, C'n.	1	1	1	9	50	150	1,500.00	45.00	2,200
St. Luke's....	1	1	1	2	350	287	1,200.00	5,133.70	.....
St. Michael's..	2	2	1	25	200	225	7,000.00	.....	3,000
Susquehanna..	3	3	1	33	.....	445	12,000.00	40.00	5,700
Sussex.....	4	4	1	20	400	200	4,800.00	.....	4,000
Talbot....	2	2	1	12	.....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....
Trinity....	2	1	1	24	.....	.....	8,500.00	.....	.....
Union.....	4	4	1	18	250	150	8,000.00	.....	800
Union Bridge..	2	2	1	17	.....	.....	11,600.00	800.00	5,500
Waltersville..	1	1	1	13	80	.....	2,000.00	.....	1,500
Warwick	3	3	1	14	150	150	4,000.00	.....	.....
Waverly....	1	1	1	5	.....	300	3,000.00	.....	3,000
W. Baltimore..	1	1	1	70	450	735	36,000.00	8,000.00	13,000
Westminster..	1	1	1	40	161	275	25,500.00	700.00	14,500
Williamsport..	4	3	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington....	1	1	1	3	100	.....	8,500.00	3,500.00	3,000
W. Wilm'ngton	1	1	1	.....	50	125	4,000.00	2,075.00	1,000
Wye.....	1	1	1	12	109	100	3,000.00	400.00	2,500
St. John's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Millville....	2	2	1	3	65	.....	2,400.00	150.00	1,000
Violetsville....	1	1	1	3	20	1,000.00
Totals.....	286	282	88	1938	18993	19188	1,145,155.50	141,229.07	347,629
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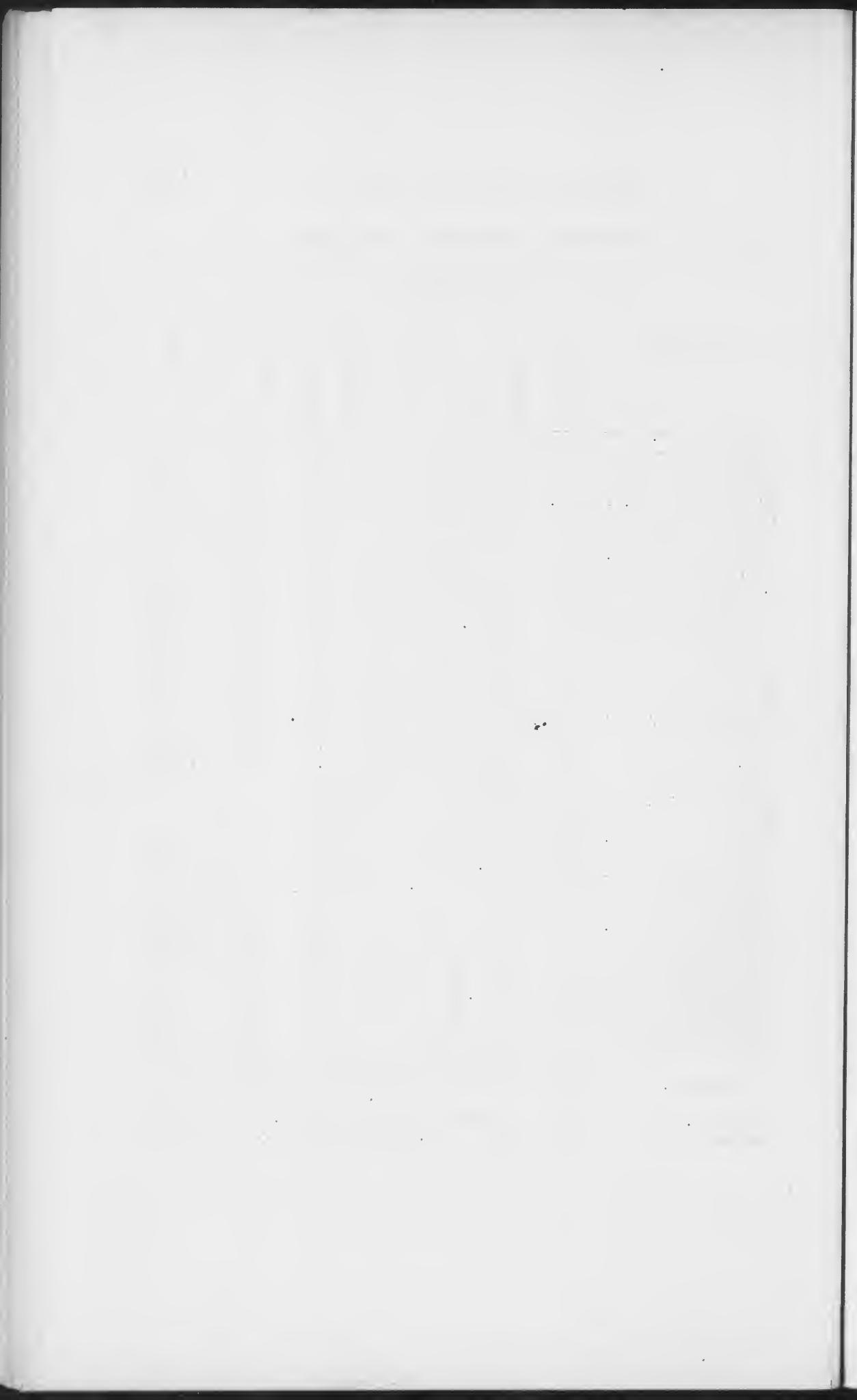
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CHARGES.	No. SOCIETIES	MEMBERSHIP.			Conversions.	Number Meetings.	Cash Contributions.
		Y. P. S. C. E.	Juniors.	Active.			
Franklin City.....	1	22					
Frederick.....	1	52	33	10	4	120	\$ 20.00
Felton.....							
Frederica.....	1	50	8	4	5		
Georgetown, D. C.	1	105	14	12		85	95.17
Georgetown, Del.	1	49	4			52	20.98
Grove.....	1	26	8			52	10.00
Greenwood.....	1	70				107	7.00
Hampden.....	1	95	51			96	42.60
Harper's Ferry.....	1	50	10		2	53	
Harrington.....	1	50	10			43	
Heathsville.....							
Howard.....							
Hurlock.....							
Holly Run.....							
Jefferson.....	1	53	20	17		70	183.84
Kennedyville.....	1	23	1			52	15.00
Kemptown.....	1	64	30		6	45	10.00
Keen Memorial.....	1	20	18	5			
Kent Island.....	2	40	25			104	25.00
Laurel, Del.	1	159	3	1	2	140	34.44
Lewistown.....	3	52	12		2		60.50
Liberty.....	1	15	20	18		52	
Lisbon.....	2	40					
Lynchburg.....	1	65			1	100	54.40
Mardela.....	1	25				52	
Mariner's.....	1	50	40	10	3	52	65.00
Middleway.....	1	30				52	
Milton.....	1	20				51	
Mt. Tabor.....	1	27	7		2	52	98.00
Mt. Nebo.....	1	50	3	2	10	52	40.45
Marley.....	1	15				43	39.00
Newark.....	1	80	2	10	3	150	140.00
N. C. Avenue, Wash.	1	18				40	2.00
New Market.....	1	123				52	12.00
N. Baltimore.....	1	15	1			52	13.85
Oxford.....	1	90	2		1	120	65.00
Oak Grove & P. Geo.	1	25	7				
Parksley.....							
Pipe Creek.....	1	51	6	23	1	50	17.99
Pittsville.....							
Pocomoke.....							
Pocomoke City.....	1	100			1	84	42.81
Powellville.....							

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	Y. P. S. C. E.	Juniors.	Active.	Associate.	Honoray.			
Patapsco.....								
Payson St.....	1	1	40				40	\$ 31.61
Potomac.....	1	1	65	38	6	3	48	15.30
Quantico.....								
Queen Anne.....	1	1	71	11		4	57	59.00
Reliance.....								
Rowlandville.....								
Remington.....	1		43					
St. James'.....	1		44	7	10		52	31.99
St. John's, Cant.....	1	1	42	5	3	2	48	14.00
St. Michael's.....	1	1	75	15			80	35.00
St. Luke's.....	1	1	35				64	116.00
Salisbury.....	1		30			2	52	13.71
Seaford.....	1	1	65		4	1	52	30.00
Snow Hill.....	1	1	50				80	4.50
Salem.....	1	1	38		4	2	28	7.00
S. Baltimore.....	1		12	5	5		52	
Starr.....	1	1	65				60	40.00
Stewartstown.....	1	1	121	7			50	116.80
Susquehanna.....	2		48	7				9.00
Sussex.....								
Talbot.....								
Trinity.....	1	1	70					
Union.....	1		20					35.00
Union Bridge.....								
Waltersville.....								
Warwick.....								
Washington-St.....	1	1	56	44			104	110.00
Waverly.....	1	1	90	3		5	60	30.00
W. Baltimore.....	1	1	166	5	12	19	142	223.06
Westminster.....	1	1	78	22	7			37.60
Williamsport.....	1	1	50	15	8		56	
Wilmington.....	1		26	..	3	1	40	15.00
W. Wilmington.....	1		20	5			52	13.17
Wye.....	1		23	5			52	26.89
Totals.....	111	55	5224	873	738	132	5604	3701.48
Decrease.....	27		576	149	..	81		275.75
Increase.....		21			461			



CHRISTIAN FRATERNITY.

TEXT: But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.—Matt. xxiii. 8.

There have been great men in the world, whose utterances at critical periods have made new epochs, changing the currents of thought and feeling, not only for individuals and communities, but for states and nations as well. They seem to have been born, not only for the period in which they lived, and the purpose they accomplished, but all forces and agencies, converging on different lines and moving to a common centre, contributed their influence to the final end. Such declarations, and the results flowing therefrom have been the standards of action and the rules of conduct in states and nations for long periods of time. But however great have been the utterances and actions of men with their far-reaching results in a worldly point of view, they become insignificant when compared to the utterances of Him, who spake as never man spake; and the words of the text by the Lord Jesus Christ, although spoken nearly two thousand years ago, not only embody the profoundest wisdom that the human mind can conceive of, but have a more binding force upon the heart and conscience of men than any instruction that we have, or can receive. The language of the text therefore, is as needful for us today, as in the days when Christ tabernacled in the flesh; for no man knows at what period conditions may arise in which attempts will be made to fetter the action and bind the conscience of the Christian individual.

Concerning the exegesis of the text, the Revised Version employs the term Teacher, instead of the term Master; and the term Christ is left out altogether; which is authorized, as Tischendorf and other eminent scholars show, by most of the ancient Manuscripts.

In the Revised Version we have a correct translation of the term, *Didaskalos*, which signifies Teacher; and occasionally Master (*Kathegatase*); although the element of meaning in the original, for the latter term is very slight. We think therefore, that in this Scripture the Saviour's meaning is clearer in the Revised Version which says; But be ye not called Rabbi: for one is your Teacher, and all ye are brethren. Rabbi was the official title of the custodians and representatives of the Jewish Church, and so popular was the title, with all that it signified in public sentiment, that the individual, except in some instances, was entirely lost in it. An exception is that of Gamaliel, whose depth of learning in the Old Testament Scriptures, and knowledge of Hebrew poetry and literature made his name greater than any title that could be conferred. So clear and strong was his well stored mind that he rose above the mere letter of the Law and dwelt in the atmosphere of its spirit, and was called by his contemporaries the "Beauty of the Law." He was

Paul's Professor in Hebrew, and if we may pass upon the antecedent by the consequent, we can reach satisfactory conclusions as to the intellectual standing of the Teacher, by the character of the student whom he graduated and sent into the world to do his work and meet his destiny. Nicodemus was a Rabbi of similar attainments and character where Hebrew culture made his mind so intuitive and inquisitive that he must needs seek the Saviour personally, and in a private interview learn the pith and substance of those wonderful doctrines given to the multitude by the Divine Teacher. These with others which might be named were honorable exceptions; but the general fact obtained that the title of Rabbi shadowed the individual name and lost its moral and spiritual significance and degenerated into mere officialism; and was refined, divided, and sub-divided, until three distinct classes, with many subordinates, were named and set apart in the Jewish Church. So we have the term Rab: Master, Doctor; Rabbi, my Master; Rabboni, my great Master. Rabbi was more honorable than Rab, that is, great, much. Master was more than Rabbi. A Rabbi was a Teacher in the synagogue, but Master was the head of a whole section, a leader who might be followed by many Rabbis; hence the development of centralization and the growing tendency of ecclesiastical power with all its evil results. We see here the power of cast and the tyranny of the rulers, which were strong and congenital reasons why the Saviour opposed an officialism of the Jews that engendered spiritual pride and a false sense of superiority, which would come finally to domineer more and more over their brethren as inferiors, bringing forth that servile spirit of cringing submission which is a reflection on all true manhood, and an element of destruction in all institutions established for the welfare of humanity, the Church itself not being an exception.

If there were no other Scripture to indicate the mind of the Saviour on this feature of Jewish Church life, this utterance alone is sufficient to substantiate the fact of His unqualified opposition to a system of tyranny, that had degraded the people, dismantled the Church, and sapped the foundations of the spiritual life of the nation. But this whole chapter goes on to give a history, expressed and implied, as to the true cause of the great disorder which warranted the declaration, and the destructive prophecies which met their complete fulfillment in the siege of Jerusalem and the overthrow of the Jewish people. The woes multiply as with terrible eloquence He sets forth their distinct features, and emphasizes their certain visitation. Avarice and hypocrisy: unbelief and fanaticism; fanatical proselyting: hypocritical legalism: spiritual deadness, and the awful judgment as a final consequence. In the winding up of this paragraph of woes, the loving Saviour grieves and mourns over His own ruined Jerusalem. All the messages of the Almighty Father, whether adverse or commendatory, which had come to the chosen people from the time of Moses to that of the Messiah, and which had formed the ground of Israel's judgment, to Him appeared now rather as so many efforts and impulses of the Highest to save them; and particularly had this impressed Him during the time of His active ministry. His whole mission to the world was troubled by distress for His own people; and He bares His

bleeding heart to the pitying eye of the whole future Church when in that sad lamentation He cries: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. In the perspective of that sombre picture, He saw the coming of the Roman eagles that would light upon the doomed city and destroy all its inhabitants, because they had refused to heed the oft repeated warning and flee to the protection of His outspreading wings. From the words of the text which embody the underlying principles of the gospel, concerning the particular relation of the Saviour and his saints in all ages of the world, the fact is easily deduced that the Church of Jesus Christ, in her organic capacity, methods and modes of operation and expression, for the recovery of the race from the thraldom of sin, is not based on the theory of inequality or officialism, but upon the fundamental principle of equality among the brethren. The utterances of the Saviour upon this question are so clear and strong, as to silence at once and forever the voice of all controversy. The truths uttered, the declarations made by the divine Teacher when upon earth are to be blessed to the full benefit of every member of the Church.

See how clear and apt the teaching and illustrating of the Saviour when questioned by His disciples as to who was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. He called a little child and placed him in their midst and said: Verily I say unto you, except ye become converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of God. Whosoever therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in kingdom of heaven. Matt. xviii. 3, 4.

The humility, the willing obedience, the unquestioning confidence and sincere affection of a little child were to be marked characteristics of the children of God. If a disciple should display hierarchical tendencies, or in any way give vent to such feelings, the question would naturally arise, whether he was converted at all. And furthermore, the declaration of the divine Teacher implies that in a strong sense all hierachism is opposed to, and incompatible with the Kingdom of Heaven. It seems a little remarkable at first sight, that the Jewish plan of Church polity in the time of Christ should be the cause of so much evil among priests and people; but investigation shows that a system of administration to meet the demands of all the interests involved, must not only be in accord with the administrator, but must have and hold in its power the truths and facts to be made known and utilized, and these truths and facts must be of such a nature as to fully meet and satisfy the desires of all those to whom they are administered. So that deeper investigation shows that the Church, the thought, the embodied idea, the organized plan of God, in order to be the true mode and expression of all the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven necessary for man to know, must be on its human side based upon the principles of equality, otherwise a true knowledge of God with all that it implies must be cut off. A man has the faculty of vision and the organ of sight; and if the two are placed together upon a plane that harmon-

izes with the laws of light, objects are brought into view and the joy of noting all their features fully gratified. But if the organ of sight is made defective by being placed out of harmony with the laws of light and the faculty of vision, the whole plan and purpose of gratifying the sense of sight and the enlargement of the spirit is a failure. So the Jewish Church, by its false notions and corrupt practices, being incompetent to give full expression to all the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven, all communication between God and the people were cut off, and they simply held the form without having the power of Godliness. See how apt and appropriate the Saviour's quotation of the prophecy of Isaiah: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. The administration of a polity based upon the theory of gross inequality among the people, had brought on a condition of degeneration whose sad results had paralyzed the seat of the affections, had blunted the sense of hearing as to make it practically useless, and so beclouded the vision as to render it incapable of seeing even the clearest gleams of divine light—the Son of God Himself.

The fault of all this moral corruption must be laid at the door of the Jewish Church, that claimed to be the channel through which flowed the water of life. How can light be transparent and vitalizing when illuminated by an atmosphere murky with the miasma of a boggy territory? How can water, even from the mountain side be pure, medicinal, and life-giving, that flows through an impure channel?

We can see now how a pure Church, with a pure administration, has so much to do with the salvation of the world; and the Saviour's plan of Church Government and Church life, laid down in the text, if carefully followed will produce in the individual Christian that godlike image which sin has obliterated. Not only were old ideas, long slumbering, to be awakened, but a new creation with loftier ideas was to be included in the new order of Church life, followed by the Holy Spirit, who was to stimulate the memory that it might hold in full possession all the utterances of the Divine Teacher. The teaching of the Old Testaments prophets by the Lord was by the method of inspiration. When the thought first came to the human mind; how can the Infinite commune with the finite? doubtless that which at first suggested itself was a communication from without. The thought of man in his early history was that God spoke in the wind and storm and other of nature's voices, while some held that communion with the soul came through the ministry of angels, as doubtless it often did. But the inspiration proper which constituted the Old Testament mode of prophetic illumination was by dreams and vision. The wise men of ancient times called it *ecstacy*, or *absence*—a getting out of their bodies to think. *Ex*, out of, *histanai*, to set, to stand. A state in which the mind is rapt, or carried away beyond the reach of ordinary impressions and surroundings. A state in which the natural senses are closed and another class of agencies made to appear, rising rank beyond rank, pro-

ducing the real and visible evidence that uncovers eternal verities to the human gaze. The prophet of God in the olden time was lifted out of himself, lifted beyond his own consciousness, and separated for the time from his individual personality. For the time being he is made a breath of the Infinite mind, and the recipient of a message which he could not always understand. The old prophet had no labored process to go through, he saw ; he had no logical or constructive proof to develope, he bore witness ; and the testimony was so authoritative, complete, and direct, as to bring conviction to every earnest mind and heart that it was the message of the Divine Father to his chosen people.

By the force of habit long established we are accustomed to say, the prophecy of Isaiah, or of Jeremiah ; but the real fact is they were the utterances of God passing the lips of those ancient worthies of Old Testament times. But Revelation is different in that instead of the creature being depressed, or pushed out of his body to make room for the activities of his Creator, he is elevated to a spiritual plane with the Creator, and ever afterwards kept there. In the 15th Chapter of John this fact is clearly set forth by the Divine Teacher Himself. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 3rd. v. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 7th v. So we see how Christ lifts us up to Himself. No mind can discover itself to another mind unless they meet on the same level. The school teacher does not go down to, and live on the pupil's level, but lifts him up by placing him in school and putting books in his hand ; and the plane on which he teaches his pupil is not the point in which he is his superior, but the point in which he is his equal ; and this is the point of contact, where the medium is set up that carries the information from the mind of the teacher to that of the pupil, making it a revelation.

It is precisely because the pupil has found a spot, in which his mind is not different from that of the teacher ; precisely because the pupil has experienced a feeling which corresponds and responds to the feeling in the teacher's heart, that he is able to recognize in the teacher's words a revelation to his own mind ; and the process goes on until the pupil becomes in every sense the equal of the teacher.

So the Divine Teacher, our elder Brother, in His own school, lifts us up to Himself, and finding in our hearts and minds the spot and point of correspondence, reveals Himself to us ; and the likeness to Him becomes more perfect as the spiritual unfolding progresses ; and though the future completeness of spiritual conformity baffles all the powers of our conception, yet the work and the resemblance commences here, and from glory to glory, as by the spirit of the Lord we advance in likeness to Him.

In following the thought of the apostle Paul in his communication to the Corinthian brethren, he rather disparages supernatural gifts in comparison with habitual attitudes of mind. Very clearly is this manifested in the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians. He tells the members of that Church, that he might have all the eloquence of men and of angels, and it would be

an empty sound without love. Might have the gift, or inspiration of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and without the possession of love it was a profitless accomplishment. The giant strength of his faith might lift mountains from their firm foundations and cast them into the sea; but without the permanent and stimulating force of divine love it would account for nothing. The possession of prophetic illumination, of mystical knowledge, of supernatural tongues, is but a transitory state, because the prophet is lifted out of himself and becomes a passive organ; and when he returns to himself again he loses his inspiration. But to be in love, is a condition which can only exist, when there is already in existence a point in common between two minds, which is based upon the possession of a quality common to both. A meeting can only take place "in love, where a meeting has already taken place in nature;" and no man can reach unto the knowledge of God who is not himself rooted and grounded in love. Listen to the apostle in his letter to the Church at Ephesus: That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephes. iii. 16-19. And what may be felt today in the individual Christian heart is but a re echo of the gospel's original expression: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matt. v. 8.

Looking superficially at the physical world around us it seems solid and fixed, but in the presence of the laboratory it declines from solids to liquids, and from liquids to gases, and perhaps to more simple elements. The physical universe is but the shadow and dream of the spiritual universe; and the work of the most eminent scientists today is not downward toward a grosser materialism, but upward toward the highest spiritual philosophy where the divine light of revelation merges into the blaze of scientific invention and discovery. The conservation of force therefore, the conservation of life, and the conservation of spirit, are today, the themes which move in the loftier realms of science and theology.

John attributes the work of creation in very pointed language to Jesus Christ, when he says: "Without Him was not anything made that was made." It is a popular notion to read the latter clause as a redundancy, which does not bring out the whole meaning.

The Evangelist meant to declare, that by the Divine Logos everything was made which was required to be made. But he strongly implies that there was something which did not require to be made; something already in existence which only needed to be utilized; and he does not leave us long in doubt as to what that something was. In the following verse he says: "IN HIM was life, and the life was the light of men." Other things were created by Him, but life was eternally IN HIM. Spiritual entities therefore, are the only real things in the universe. The thought, stimulated by divine love, that sweeps the horizon of an intelligent mind; an idea that grows into a

system, which draws men to its support as guests come to a banquet ; a revelation which exerts an influence as the waves of the sea when ships are destroyed, is the real permanent thing in this world. And this is what every Christian may feel in his heart and recognize in his mind.

It is this that makes martyrs who witness to the truth with their lives ; that develops preachers for a pure Gospel ; that raises up Reformers in the Church of Jesus Christ when the Church stands sorely in need of them. Evil in any shape in the Church is so antagonistic to righteousness that good men must criticise and oppose it or lose their hold on God ; and it is this fact that makes men so tenacious of religious liberty and spiritual purity.

A great spiritual force of divine love and flowing out of it is the great principle of the Brotherhood of Man. Other-regarding, otherism, or altruism, the struggle for the existence and well-being of another ; is a principle that is attracting the attention of the world today.

Humanity in the mass under the old order of ecclesiastical centralization was not, and could not be intelligently comprehended ; it was therefore, necessary to limit the extension to the individual man that a clearer knowledge of the race might be obtained ; so the prophets and seers in social science, under the influence of the higher forms of Christianity, left the mass and took up the study of the units . . . the individual man in order to fully understand the mission and destiny of humanity. Scholars and wise men who have formed the outlook committees for the last century have reached the satisfactory conclusion that every thought and plan of the individual, every affection of his nature is a shadow and image of his inner life, so that a spirit may come to be known now from only a single thought, as Agassiz came to know a fish by only a single scale ; and with this knowledge of the individual a more exact knowledge of the race is possible. The bunching process, the synthetical method of studying and comprehending the race for the purposes of improvement, has been largely superceded by analytical method, and as experience shows, with more satisfactory results. Questions in Church and State affecting the brotherhood of man in its social and individual features, mark the trend of all wise interrogation today.

Such questions as the ethical influence in the economic problems of the present age ; the sacrifice of conscience in the social world ; material resources in relation to spiritual liberty ; New Testament teachings in relation to private property ; the social force of religion and the functions of the pulpit in the realm of discussion, are some of the lines along which all soul questionings are running today ; because the ethical principle is the source and real basis upon which they are established, and from which must flow not only their shape and complexion, but final solution. In this sense all is sacred and nothing is secular ; for all things terminate on Christ.

Already the impression is abroad that in the order of obligation the care and preservation of the Church in the individual, must always take precedence of the care and preservation of the Church in the mass ; and this can be better accomplished by that Church that establishes its polity and methods of administration upon the principle of equality ; the capital fact of which

our forefathers saw and felt the influence of when they stood boldly up for representative Methodism. The inroads of the representative principle in Church and State has held the thought of the world now for many years. Autocratic government is fading away and kings slipping into the background ; and the individual man coming to be accounted a valuable factor. In our student days we made note of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire ; but now we realize the truth that nothing which has life in it can decline and fall. The wasting away of empires made and perpetuated for the benefit of the few as against the many, is but the breaking up of the clods above the growth of the individual man. There have been born into this world and sanctified by the grace of God, men who have been more to the race than the standard values of whole empires ; because men have been right and empires wrong ; and it is written in the woof and fibre of man's being not to be satisfied with wrong. This altruistic principle then, this brotherhood of man in Christ, moving in an atmosphere so elevated and rare as to reduce all material magnificence to toys, has in it all the elements that go to make up Christian character.

Under this tuition of the divine Master religion may become to every man, not merely the expression of a creed with what it may signify, but a vital experience ; not a restraint, keeping him from that which he needs and loves, but a dynamic force that feels the touch of humanity appealing to all that is highest and best within him : not so much an insurance of the life to come, but a program for the present world with all its developing activities. Here in this life is the work to be done that is to bring the full recognition of a brotherhood in Christ. The Saviour's mission in the world was to rescue men from a narrow selfishness, give them deeper feelings, wiser choices, and broader views ; and his efforts in the world were rooted in the struggle to develop and preserve the spiritual life of His people. And just as he labored for the improvement of men, out of His great affection for the world, so every Christian is morally bound to the extent of his ability to do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Furthermore, the witness of this catholic fraternity, this universal brotherhood, is never spurious or pretentious ; but its common testimony is as loyal to this great principle as the needle to the pole star. There is a spiritual infallibility in the concurrent testimony of the Christian experience in all departments of the Church's activity. Vital touch with this fraternity is essential to membership in the living Christ.

Love of the brethren is direct evidence that we have passed from the blighting, withering influence of death, to the quickening, stimulating power of spiritual life. To be in fellowship with the Church of Christ, is to be in fellowship with Christ Himself. This is the episcopacy that the world is hungering for today, and not the make-believe, the counterfeit, that is so popular with ambitious men. Biblical episcopacy is not, and never has been a question of *inequality*, and of *class legislation* ; a question of *governing*, an authority of *law*, but of *love* ; and the whole decalogue of *truth* which grows out of love.

Jewish officialism as the Saviour found it, and which brought from His lips the utterance and sentiment of the text, was what destroyed the city of Jerusalem and wrecked the Jewish Theocracy; and episcopacy as it is found in the world today, has always been a disturbing element in the Church. It gave birth to the fiction of apostolic succession with all its attendant evils through which a corrupt hierarchy became drunk with the blood of the saints. It produced the doctrine which depreciated marriage and made celibacy an artificial virtue. It brought forth ecclesiastical centralization and popish prestige; and this anti-Scriptural institution, based upon the erroneous theory of inequality, with its long roots sunk into the sub soil of the Church's life has been the source of all the trouble the Church has ever had. Instead of men in the humility of their heart giving themselves as a living sacrifice to the welfare of the Church, they have demanded that the Church should minister to their spiritual pride. It is no wonder that reformations have arisen; rather it is a surprise that they did not come sooner that the injuries which wrought such havoc might be corrected.

Like the Divine Teacher, men who have instituted these movements of Reform in the Church, who have been called of God to improve the condition of their fellowmen and lift the race to a higher destiny, were not found to be in that class which the economist calls producers. Empty handed, they were not gatherers of material wealth in any strict sense of the term. Poor in this world's goods, they have been scholars, poets, historians, martyrs, reformers, and the builders and makers of empires and civilizations. Men like Moses, Paul, Luther, Bunyan, Fox, Wesley, and the Reformers of American Methodism. This charmed circle of choice spirits and their fellows, living in other ages of the world, constitute a privileged class who seem to have had access to the profound secrets and structure of nature and of being, by some higher methods than those employed by ordinary men.

Depth of experience and clearness of vision, brought on by a crisis for which they were not responsible, led our forefathers to conclusions which could not be realized in the Church founded in 1784 by the preachers alone, and without the consent of their brethren, the laity. They had come up into zones of feeling and experience where such a Church polity offered no place for the play of those higher activities which were necessary to the further growth and unfolding of their spiritual life. They would not therefore be hushed to silence, or lost in the multitude, or shelved by a problem, or buried beneath the actual as it then presented itself. In the movement for a representative principle where the ministry and laity could have and enjoy equal rights and equal responsibilities, they met all the contingencies which heroes have been forced to meet since the dawn of history. With eminent propriety it may be said of our forefathers what Carlyle said of Martin Luther: "Great, not as a hewn obelisk, but as an alpine mountain,.....so simple, honest, spontaneous, not setting up to be great at all; there for quite another purpose than that of being great. Ah, yes: unsubduable granite, piercing far and wide into the heavens; yet in the clefts of it mountains, and green beautiful valleys with flowers." Ah, yes, my brethren, true spiritual heroes were our

forefathers, for which all the present and all the future in American Methodism will be grateful to Heaven. What are some of the facts which place us where we are today, the representatives of a Church committed to a high mission in the world? One authority assumes to say that Mr. Wesley, in 1784, sent over three regularly ordained clergymen; but, preferring the episcopal mode of Church government to any other, he solemnly set apart, by the imposition of his hands and prayer, one of them, Thomas Coke, Doctor of Civil Law, late of Jesus College, in the University of Oxford, and a Presbyter in the Church of England, for the Episcopal office; and having delivered to him letters of episcopal orders, commissioned him to set apart Francis Asbury, then General Assistant of the Methodist Society in America, for the same episcopal office." M. E. Discipline, page 16. Long before that event, which has had so much to do with American Methodism, Mr. Wesley, in studying Lord King's account of the history of the primitive Church, became convinced bishops and Presbyters were synonymous terms; and no one expressed himself more clearly and unequivocally on episcopacy, than did John Wesley, on this great question which has agitated the Church for so many years. It is an undisputed fact that Mr. Wesley took all necessary care of the Methodist Societies in England and Ireland, and superintended the American Societies up to a period just previous to the Revolutionary War, without seeking or obtaining episcopal orders from any bishop in the Church of England; and if so why was it necessary to ordain a bishop to take Mr. Wesley's place? It is claimed that Dr. Coke was ordained as bishops usually are in the Church of England, which was always done in public with very impressive ceremonies. The only persons present when Dr. Coke was set apart as superintendent of the American Societies, were Rev. James Creighton, Dr. Coke, Mr. Whatcoat, and Mr. Vasey. Mr. Wesley ordained as elders Mr. Vasey and Mr. Whatcoat. They at once in connection with Rev. James Creighton, assisted Mr. Wesley in setting apart Dr. Coke as superintendent of the American Societies. So that he could not have been ordained as bishops usually are.

The Acts of the Apostles notes a similar transaction which took place among the prophets and teachers of the Church in Antioch. "As they ministered unto the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" to Cyprus and other points where they did missionary work for the Church. Acts xiii. But nobody believes that in the laying on of hands by their brethren, ordained them as permanent officers in the Church to rule and govern it for life; nor did Mr. Wesley.

In a letter to Mr. Asbury, dated London, September the 20th, 1788, nearly four years after the organization of the Church in America, Mr. Wesley has this to say on the question of episcopacy: "But one point, my dear brother, I am a little afraid both the Doctor and you differ from me. I study to be little, you study to be great; I creep, you strut along. I found a school, you a college. Nay, and you call it after your own names. O, beware. Do not

seek to be something. Let me be nothing, and Christ be all in all. One instance, of this your greatnesss, has given me great concern. How can you, how dare you, suffer yourself to be called a bishop? I shudder, I start at the very thought. Men may call me a knave, or a fool, a rascal, a scoundrel, and I am content; but they shall never, by my consent, call me a bishop. For my sake, for God's sake, for Christ's sake, put a full end to this.—Moore's Life of Wesley, Vol. II., page 28.

We must conclude, then, if Mr. Wesley recommended the episcopal form of government for the American Societies, and then in less than four years write the letter, a part of which has been quoted in your hearing, he must have been a very different man from what we think he was. My brethren, the trouble was not with Mr. Wesley; it was with some one else. It is accepted by all intelligent people that a Church has the right to choose for itself a practical form of polity or government at the beginning of its existence. The members possess, also, the right to change, alter, or amend it at, or in any period of the Church's history after it has been adopted. The Methodist Societies of America in 1784 held it in their power to organize themselves under any form of government deemed by them the most acceptable and judicious; the Congregational, the Episcopal, or the Presbyterian. But our forefathers contended that the traveling preachers, under the erroneous notions of Dr. Coke, had no right to organize a Church without the knowledge and consent of those Societies, but wholly against their desires and convictions as to the character and polity of the Church. It was at this point that an issue was raised that finally resulted in a division of Methodism in these United States.

Rev. Dennis B. Dorsey, fired with an energy for the spread of God's Kingdom, and moved by the Holy Spirit to enter the ministry, joined the Baltimore Conference in 1820. It was a time of great prosperity, and Methodism was in the early flush of its glory. It was, however, an eventful period, growing out of the fact that sagacious and thoughtful men discussed questions of Church polity, and sought to bring about a change in the denomination as to make it in its essential features a representative Church; as all past history and experience, all ecclesiastical abuses warned them of the danger towards which they were drifting. In the fifth year of his ministry, Dennis B. Dorsey met with a copy of the *Mutual Rights*, the contents of which made a deep and lasting impression on his mind and heart. He loved Methodism in all its features with the ardor of his young manhood; and it is not a matter of surprise that deep solicitude took possession of his heart, that the Church should endeavor to divest itself of such aspects of governmental arrangement as seemed to be at war with her permanent peace and usefulness. For eighteen months he was quiet and thoughtful. Then deeply considering all the possibilities involved, pondering all the contingencies that might arise, and conscientiously surveying the whole question, reached his conclusions and took his position. He was cited before the Conference for reading the *Mutual Rights*, and admonished to desist. Dennis B. Dorsey stood up in his place and in a quiet but firm manner gave his reply; that it was his privilege

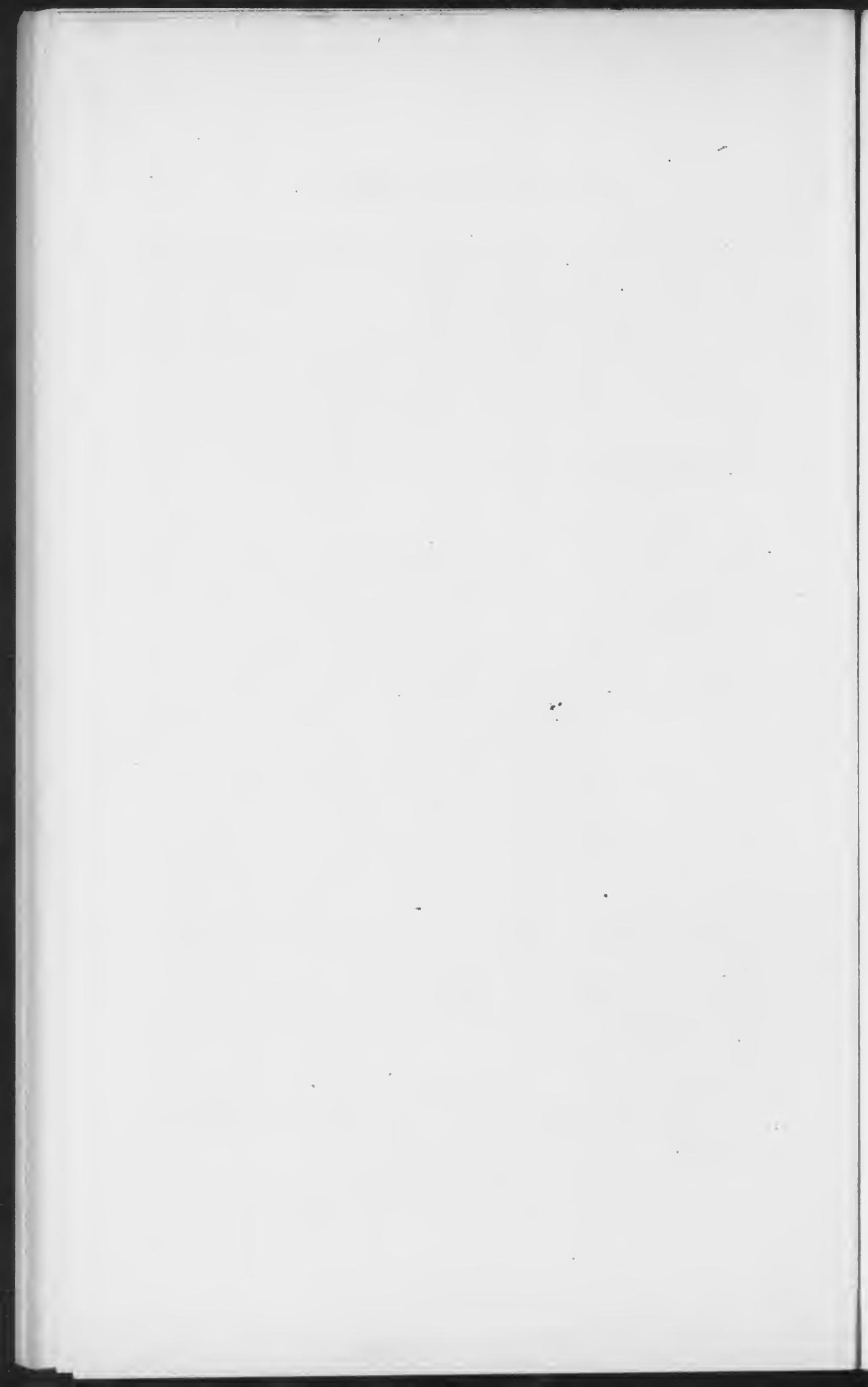
to read what the bishops read, what the preachers read, and what the book agents read, and exchanged the Methodist Magazine for. The address was not satisfactory; a vote was taken and recorded against him. He was called before the body the next day and again interrogated. He took the floor again, strong in the defence of his own Christian manhood. Again was a vote taken, now as to the passage of his ministerial character; and the response was NO; and so the deed was done; and the Rev. Dennis B. Dorsey, by the deliberate action of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was left without an appointment, and at the next session of the Conference was formally expelled from the communion of the Church. Asa Shinn, that genius for biblical exegesis and holy meditation, addressed a letter to the Conference, in which he said: "You have laid a heavy arm of authority on a young man because he has recommended and circulated our periodical publication. Have you any law for this? Where is it? In the Discipline? In the Scriptures? In the Codes of the United States, or of the State of Maryland? If in none of these, must you not own that it was a perfectly lawless act? And is the Baltimore Conference without law to God, or is she under the law of Christ?" Nicholas Snethen, in an article reviewing the action of the Baltimore Conference said: "The fiery trial has come upon one who is as the skeleton of a man, and yet I go free. Mysterious Providence! Thank God, the afflicted man's soul is in health; his fortitude is unimpaired by disease; he has the courage and constancy of a martyr." Then lifting up his heart to God he wrote: "Let the young man live and not die. Let not the wife of his youth be a premature widow. I cannot now desert the cause and be harmless."

So this quiet young minister of the gospel of Christ, pure in heart and life, industrious and faithful in pulpit and pastorate, is suddenly and unexpectedly confronted with extraordinary conditions; but the hour strikes, and he is found equal to the emergency, and entitled to all the honors that representative Methodism can bestow. Until the expulsion of Dennis B. Dorsey, Methodist Reform to a great extent was nebulous and shadowy—an issue of words, controversy, agitation and experiment. But when he stood up and struck for religious liberty, the sky was cleared and the time for decision at hand; and the conflict set in motion seventy years ago is still being waged until now, the members of the Maryland Conference, with the laity their brethren, as soldiers of the cross, like the old tenth legion in Cæsar's Roman army, have safely crossed the Rubicon of fear, and doubt, and experiment; and, with dented shields and splintered spears, indicative of your prowess on many a hotly contested field, are marching in from the jungles and far off frontiers scarred and battered veterans, with the battle song on your lips and triumphant over every opposition.

In the crisis now upon our forefathers there was nothing to do but to organize a Church whose polity and doctrine would meet the views and feelings of all concerned; so on April the 2nd, 1829, after a year's wise preparation, the Maryland Annual Conference held its first session in St. John's Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

If a principle may be known by its correlative, if an effect by its magnitude can in any way minister to the explanation and importance of a cause; if it deepens the life, if it gives keener perception to the moral sense, if it enriches and gives larger grasp to the mental forces and makes broader and grander the spiritual life of humanity, then we must conclude that the cause must be correspondingly great. Looking, therefore, at the results of the Reform movement which took place seventy-one years ago; the interest it has awakened, the breadth of mind it has developed, the questions in Church government it has solved, the great volume of public sentiment, which, like honey, has percolated all Methodism, we may logically conclude that that which produced such an effect must have been of sublime magnitude. In the organization of the Methodist Protestant Church, our forefathers laid wires on which at some future day the vitalizing currents of all higher things in representative Methodism might travel.

Who shall describe that Conference of Christian men—historic now for evermore? The interest, the unparalleled sympathy and communion of these brethren; their conviction, and faith, and work; the beauty and tenderness, and steadfast charm of their association; of these inner facts no clear record can ever be given that will outline a perfect picture of that group of remarkable men whose influence is to run commensurate with the whole history of the Methodist Protestant Church. Gathered there from all parts of the State, they were fused and governed by the principle of equality of the brotherhood in the Lord Jesus Christ. The depth and tone of its ordinary conversation, the Bible reading in the beginning of its sessions, and the solemn hush which fell upon it in the hour of opening prayer. The subjects and questions presented for serious consideration and wise solution, and the genuine simplicity of debate and mutual interchange of views by these men of God, whose life-interests were now committed to the cause of a Church polity and doctrine whose inherent truth was the inborn right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences—a conscience enlightened by the word of God, and developed by a religious experience will never be forgotten. There was just enough opposition and rivalry among the members, I imagine, to give to the Conference as a whole that deep interest and vital force which has been characteristic of every convention of men, which has convened for the uplifting of the human race since this land has become a refuge for the down-trodden and the oppressed. The presence of these representative men, the self-evident success of the gathering, the harmonious, the joyous beginning of the Conference, all had in them the proof and the prophecy of final success; and in the presence of these signs of victory all spirit of faction and opposition was fused into one generous glow of righteous emulation. All this under the blessed influence of that Scripture, long ago uttered by the Saviour: But be ye not called Rabbi: for one is your Teacher, and all ye are brethren.



MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

RULE I.

Duties of the President.

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities, nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak so soon as he shall have addressed the chair, by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order; and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken, unless there be a tie; but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair, when he wishes to participate in debate, or for other purposes; but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

RULE II.

Duties of the Secretary.

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting, the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman pro tempore, and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference, and be accountable for them.

4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference, and in the order of its presentation.
8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record, *First*, The standing committees, in the order of their arrangement in these rules; and, *Second*, All other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

COMMITTEES.

RULE III.

All committees shall be appointed by the President, except otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

RULE IV.

Standing Committees.

1. Finance—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Services—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sabbath Schools—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.
21. Committee on Transportation.
22. Committee on Church Enterprises—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

RULE V.

Any person being a member of two committees, shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

RULE VI.

Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair, and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken

upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

RULE VII.

Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

RULE VIII.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the *first three* to be taken without debate; and the *first* always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

RULE IX.

The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

RULE X.

When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

RULE XI.

No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

RULE XII.

A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

RULE XIII.

No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

RULE XIV.

In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

RULE XV.

When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

RULE XVI.

If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

RULE XVII.

No interruption shall be allowed, while a member is addressing the chair except a call to order by the President or by a member.

RULE XVIII.

When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

RULE XIX.

In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President, may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference; the question, on such appeal shall be taken without debate; but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustain the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

RULE XX.

No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of Conference; nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

RULE XXI.

No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto request it, or unless another member requests.

RULE XXII.

Any member shall have the right to call for the reading of the subject under consideration.

RULE XXIII.

Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

RULE XXIV.

After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

RULE XXV.

A member may change his vote at any time before the Chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

RULE XXVI.

At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

RULE XXVII.

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The Chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference, the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and

such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll; and the name shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll, an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

RULE XXVIII.

At 10.30 o'clock, on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference, the President or his substitute shall preach a sermon, and immediately thereafter the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered.

RULE XXIX.

At two-and-a-half o'clock P. M., on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot, as follows: 1. President; 2. Secretary; 3. Conference Steward; 4. Church Extension Steward; 5. Superannuated Fund Steward; 6. Foreign Missionary Steward; 7. General Home Missionary Steward; 8. Educational Steward; 9.—The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant.—Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen; 10. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

RULE XXX.

Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called, and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor, and the name of the charge, in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors whose official reports are defective in any point shall be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanation may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference; and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.**RULE XXXI.**

The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

RULE XXXII.

The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

RULE XXXIII.

The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate, upon recognition by the chair, may present any business, and it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

RULE XXXIV.

The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

RULE XXXV.

When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session, and at a specific hour.

RULE XXXVI.

Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

RULE XXXVII.

Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

RULE XXXVIII.

When any business is taken into consideration, it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day, or by adjournment.

RULE XXXIX.

When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President; whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to Conference, either at that time, or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

RULES OF ADMINISTRATION.*Duties of the President.*

1. The President shall appoint the speakers who shall address the Superannuated Fund and Church Extension Societies at the ensuing Annual Conference; and Friday and Monday evenings are set apart for the public meetings, the anniversaries to alternate in the order of their occurrence. The President of Conference Christian Endeavor Union shall appoint speakers for the Annual Rally on Thursday evening.
2. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.
3. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical report for all charges unsupplied.
4. In the event of the death of any ministerial member, the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.
5. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.
6. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward and Educational Steward shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.
2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.
3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference; admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, wherever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given in the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee, and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear Reports—
 - a. From pastor and associates.
 - b. From superannuates.
 - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 - d. From Class-leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.
 - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license, for itinerancy and orders, pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.

13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.
15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1st. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the ages of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2d. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV, of the Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3d. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-five years, shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4th. Every member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-Leader and Sunday-school superintendent, and every male member in full communion and fellowship, having attained the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5th. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer, or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of Mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary

shall at once be forwarded to *The Methodist Protestant* for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerary.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Camp Meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground, or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof on the Lord's day.

3. Faithful efforts shall be made by the official members of the church, and all persons having authority at camp-meetings, to maintain the due observance of the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Quarterly Conferences, or associations recognized by this Conference, shall deliver to the President, at least four weeks before the time appointed for said meetings, a written pledge, duly attested, that the foregoing regulations shall be observed in good faith.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for Church Extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the Conference year.

3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting

regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers, or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall through disaffection, or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace, or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper; and should the accused be found guilty, he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory, the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; *provided, however*, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church, the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

9. Any mission having a missionary, shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission, the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members, as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the travelling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the Superannuated list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The committee in making appropriations, shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate ac-

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cording to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference; 2. The value of said service to the Conference; 3. The size of family; 4. The peculiarities of location, etc.; 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

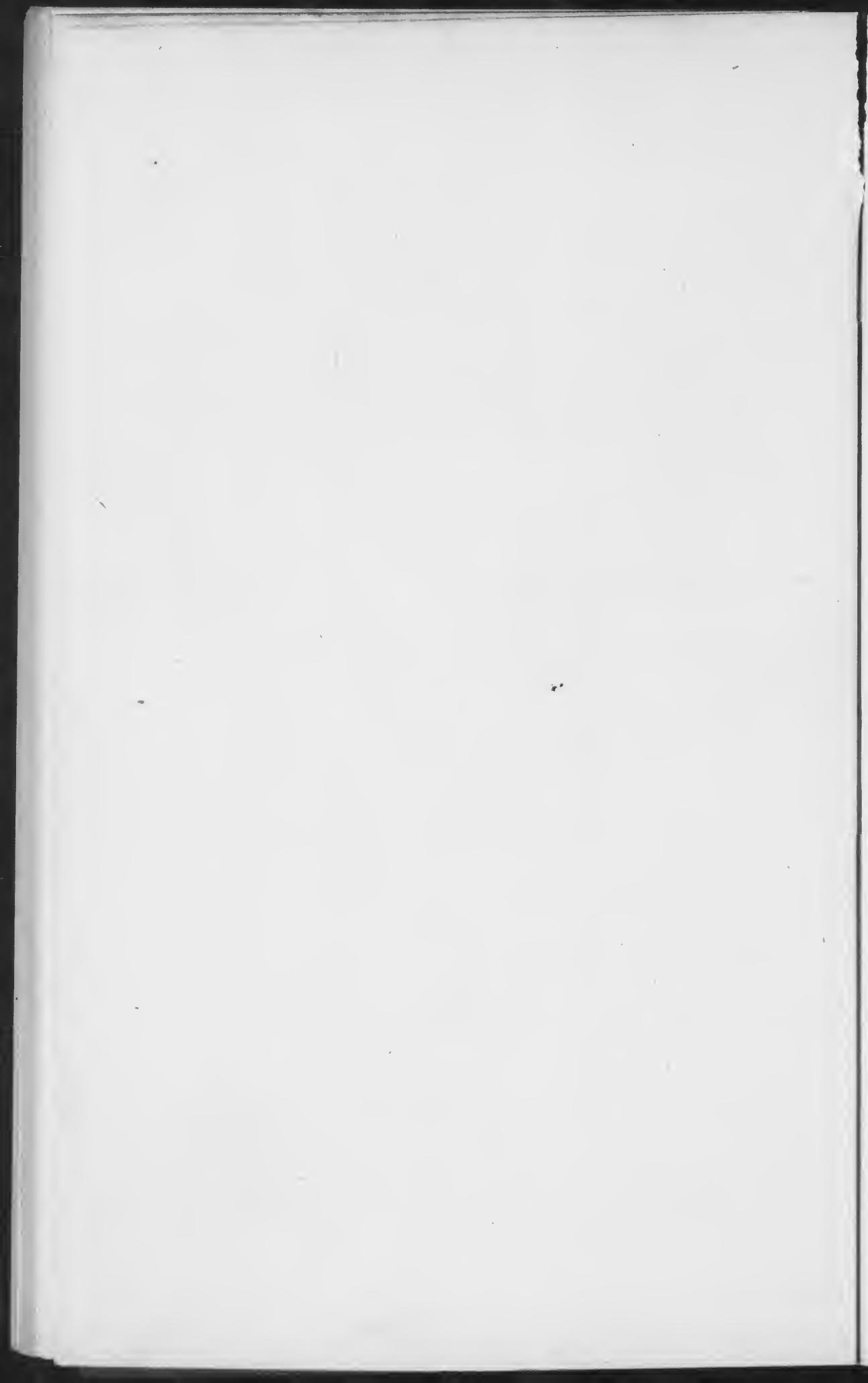
6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections listed for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The Steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5, in addition to the Superannuated Collection, to assist any persons who may be placed on the Superannuated List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:

1. What is your present place of residence? Postoffice address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath school? If not, why not?



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7	Bennington, H. E.	Milton,	Milton, Sussex Co., Del.
8	Bennett, L. A.	Mariner's,	Bedsworth, Somerset Co., Md.
9	Benson, B. F.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Md.
10	Benson, F. T.	Centreville,	Centreville, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
11	Blake, Dorsey	Snow Hill,	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.
12	Bowers, J. S.	St. John's, Ind.	115 N. Liberty St., Balto., Md.
13	Brown, J. McLain	Caroline,	Burrsville, Caroline Co., Md.
14	Brown, Geo. E.	Georgetown Ct.	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.
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16	Bichell, A. A.	Nichol's Memorial,	Odenton, Anne Arundel Co., Md.
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18	Cassen, S. F.	New Market,	Maryland Line, Balto. Co., Md.
19	Clayton, G. M.	Hurlocks,	Hurlocks, Dorchester Co., Md.
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22	Crouse, T. O.	West Baltimore,	1622 Harlem Ave., Balto., Md.
23	Cushing, H. C.	Superannuate,	Sudley Springs, P. W. Co., Va.
24	Coe, S. W.	Finksburg,	Finksburg, Carroll Co., Md.
25	Cullum, C. M.	Kempton,	Kempton, Frederick Co., Md.
26	Daugherty, J. H.	Harper's Ferry,	Harper's Ferry, W. Va.
27	Day, H. J.	Superannuate,	923 N. Carey St., Balto., Md.
28	Dick, A. D.	Superannuate,	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.
29	Dickey, J. M.	Denton,	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
30	Donovan, Avery	Accomac,	Lee Mont, Accomac Co., Va.
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35	Daugherty, C. L.	Talbot,	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.
36	Edmonston, G. D.	No app't at request,	Savage, Mineral Co., W. Va.
37	Elderdice, H. L.	W. T. Seminary,	Westminster, Md.
38	Elderdice, J. L.	Stewartstown,	Stewartstown, York Co., Pa.
39	Ewell, J. E. T.	Delmar,	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.
40	Ewell, J. H. S.	Georgetown, Del.	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.
41	Ewing, E. O.	Pittsville,	Pittsville, Wicomico Co., Md.
42	Farring, G. F.	Frederick,	New Market, Frederick Co., Md.
43	Floyd, W. J.	Liberty,	Libertytown, Frederick Co., Md.
44	Fooks, E. S.	Conquest,	New Church, Accomac Co., Va.
45	Gill, J. M.	Chestertown,	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
46	Graham, W. R.	Westminster,	Westminster, Md.
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52	Hall, H. C.	Amelia,	Ammon, Amelia Co., Va.
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54	Harryman, A. A.	Oak Grove & P. G.	Alliance, Surry Co., Va.
55	Hill, G. J.	Concord,	Roxbury, Franklin Co., Pa.
56	Hines, G. W.	Bethany,	1735 N. Caroline St., Balto., Md.
57	Hoblitzell, S. A.	St. Michael's,	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.
58	Hodge, G. R.	Holly Run,	Wellham's, A. A. Co., Md.
59	Holland, F. A.	Wicomico,	Wicomico Ch'v, North'l'd Co., Va.
60	Holmes, J. M.	Alnutt Memorial,	2028 E. Lombard St., Balto., Md.
61	Holmes, W. G.	Superannuate,	Mardela Sp'gs, Wicomico Co., Md.
62	Jester, B. F.	Cecil,	Bayview, Cecil Co., Md.
63	Jett, W. M.	Violetsville,
64	Johnson, H. S.	Deer Creek,	Chestnut Hill, Harford Co., Md
65	Johnson, H. W. D.	Franklin City,	Greenbackville, Accomac Co., Va.
66	Johnson, D. L.	Indian River,	Georgetown, Del.
67	Jones, J. B.	St. Luke's,	Erie and Park Aves., Phila., Pa.
68	Jones, E. H.	Williamsport,	Clear Spring, Wash'g'n Co., Md.
69	Judefind, W. B.	Grove,	Grove, Caroline Co., Md.
70	Keen, H. O.	Remington,	2830 Huntington Ave., Balto., Md.
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74	Klein, F. C.	Laurel,	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
75	Lassel, J. T.	Fawn Grove,	Fawn' Grove, York Co., Pa.
76	Leas, H. S.	Fairfax,	Glenbrook, Fairfax Co., Va.
77	Lewis, T. H.	W. Md. College,	Westminster, Md.
78	Lewis, R. K.	Salem,	Westover, Somerset Co., Md.
79	Lewis, F. H.	North Baltimore,	424 E. North Ave., Balto., Md.
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